FILED TO ERKS OFFICE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS 2005 MAR -4 12 1: 20 3 U.S. MSTRIMI COURT DISTANT OF MASS 4) 5 KARL V. FARMER,) 6 Plaintiff, 7 CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:04-cv-00441-SM) ٧. 35-1011786S 8 NEAL D. GOLDMAN) 9 Defendant.) 10 11 AMENDED COMPLAINT 12 STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION 13 Neal D. Goldman was the executive vise president, general counsel, chief administrative 14 officer and corporate head of the Human Resources at Polaroid Corporation during the time of this issue. Neal was the plan administrator or committee chairman in the event of 15 16 plan administration by committee for health, welfare, severance benefit and retiree 17 benefit plans for Polaroid Corporation. As such Neal had a fiduciary responsibility to 18 notify/alert potential beneficiaries that a benefit that the beneficiary had been promised 19 would not be available. 20 **BACKGROUND** 21 In July of 2001 Karl V. Farmer (Karl), Polaroid ID# 11642C, was notified by his 22 manager, Craig Gustafson, that his position of manager in the Customer Services

organization was to be eliminated as of the end of September, 2001. He was also notified

that because of his age (54.7 years) and years of service (30.27 years) the severance
program that was available would consider Karl a "cross-over" retiree and Polaroid
would consider him a bone a fide retiree.
Karl was informed of his options:
Leave Polaroid under the severance program with the benefits (see Exhibit A - letter of
severance) plus 6 months medical and dental coverage at Polaroid employee rates, then
medical coverage at retiree rates thereafter.
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Find other employment within Polaroid in another division or department.
Karl was also informed of an available comparable level engineering position in
Polaroid's Wayland building. The job had been vacated voluntarily and needed to be
filled. On September 11, 2001, Karl interviewed with Diego Betancourt and was told if
he decided to remain in Polaroid he could have the job.
Needing more input Karl had discussions with his managers and the human resource
representative but they had no new information.
During the summer there had been a number of rumors that Polaroid was going into
bankruptcy and/or was going to be purchased and merge with Gillette, Fuji or some other
company. In mid-August Polaroid senior management conducted a series of meetings
across the company to clarify the corporation's position.
At the meeting Karl attended in 201 Burlington Rd., Bedford, MA on or about August 15,
2001, Neal Goldman, vice president and head of corporate Human Resources
organization was the officer who gave the presentation.

The main inputs given at the meeting via presentation or answers to questions were:

1	Statement from presenter: Polaroid had no intentions at that time to file for bankruptcy.
2	Although because of Polaroid's adverse financial position bankruptcy protection may be
3	a viable option at some time. (no time frame or deadline given)
4	Statement from presenter: As far as our financial position regarding our debtors, we have
5	them where we want them. They have to come to us.
6	Question from the floor: If I accept a severance package and Polaroid files chapter 11 do
7	I still get my severance money?
8	Answer: As far as he (Neal D. Goldman) knew, if Polaroid did file for bankruptcy the
9	court would allow the payment of severances. (Polaroid's choice would be to pay
10	benefits even if Polaroid did file for bankruptcy protection)
11	Other issues effecting Karl's decision:
12	Polaroid's severance programs had been significantly reduced over the last 4 - 5 years.
13	Previous programs would have yielded as much as 2.5 years pay with Karl's seniority.
14	The most recent program, less than a year previous, was 25% more pay for the same
15	seniority.
16	Karl had thought of teaching school. With the severance money he could avail himself of
17	the necessary training or certificates needed to do so.
18	All options considered Karl made the decision to accept the severance program and leave
19	Polaroid. The severance termination of employment date was September 28, 2001. The
20	sign-out date was two (2) weeks prior to termination date.
21	TERMINATION OF SEVERANCE PLAN
22	On October 11, 2001 Karl was to receive his first payment. Karl called Polaroid to
23	inquire whether the payment would be by check or automatic deposit into his checking

account. He was told at that time it would be deposited if he had his regular paycheck deposited. However, people had been calling in complaining that they had not received their checks. The following day, October 12, 2001 Polaroid announced they had filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. They also announced they were terminating all retiree health and welfare benefits, effective immediately.

Recalling the August meeting in which Neal Goldman said to his knowledge severances where paid during bankruptcy, Karl called to inquire what that meant for his severance plan agreement. Karl was told the agreement was null and void and not going to be upheld by Polaroid. After leaving Polaroid under a severance agreement in September, Karl ended up getting no salary, no severance, no health insurance and neither interim life nor dental insurance as promised.

ARGUMENT

This was a breech of fiduciary responsibility of the plan administrator, Neal Goldman. Had Polaroid's plan administrator executed his fiduciary responsibility and notified Karl that they had intended to file for bankruptcy protection and/or that Polaroid was not going to honor the severance agreement, Karl would have accepted the position in Wayland. Because the position that was offered to Karl is still an active position in the "new" Polaroid, Karl would have maintained his salary and benefits and would still be an active Polaroid employee. Also for that consideration is the likelihood Karl would have received performance bonuses given to "the new" Polaroid's employees in the last two years.

EVIDENCE

Karl serv	ed as Chair of Official Committee of Retirees of Polaroid as recognized by the
federal b	ankruptcy court processing Polaroid's bankruptcy protection case and as the
chair Tru	stee of the Polaroid Retirees Trust. In this capacity and independently learned
that:	
• Po	olaroid was in fact discussing bankruptcy at least as far back as June 2001
• Tl	he law firm that performed the legal counsel for Polaroid during the chapter 11
ba	ankruptcy protection proceedings was hired in July of 2001.
• In	August 2001 Polaroid offered past Polaroid Corporate officers a % on the
do	ollar buy-out for their interest in the company.
• O	n or about October 7, 2001 Polaroid met with the Polaroid Retirees Association
(P	PRA) board of directors to notify them that Polaroid was terminating all retirees'
he	ealth and welfare benefits as of October 31, 2001. (This apparent gesture of
go	ood faith turned out to be another misrepresentation by Polaroid. They
te	rminated the benefits as part of their chapter 11 bankruptcy filling on October
12	2, 2001, retroactive to October 1, 2001, without further notice to the PRA.)
During th	ne committee's investigation of Polaroid's process of declaring chapter 11, with
Greenber	g Traurig, Karl learned that the breech of fiduciary responsibility actually had in
fact occur	rred.
From the	deposition of Neal Goldman Tuesday, April 2, 2002, by Greenberg Traurig,
LLP at O	ne International Place, Boston, Massachusetts.
	• On pages 54 and 55 Neal Goldman admits that Skadden Arps Slate
	Meagher & Flom LLP was hired in July/August of 2001 to assist Polaroid

through restructuring, i.e. chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

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4	FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE
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1	MORNING SESSION
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5	NEAL D. GOLDMAN,
6	having been first duly sworn on oath,
7	was examined and testified as follows:
8	EXAMINATION
9	BY MR. GREENBERG:
	Q. Would you state your full name and your
10	residential address, please.
11	A. Neal David Goldman, 6 Carroll Drive,
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13	Westborough, Massachusetts.
14	Q. And, Mr. Goldman, are you employed?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. By whom?
17	A. Polaroid Corporation.
18	Q. And how long have you been employed by
19	Polaroid?
20	A. About four and a half years.
21	Q. What position do you hold with Polaroid?
22	A. Executive vice president, general counsel,
23	chief administrative officer. MR. GALARDI: Gary, before we go on, I

- just want to make it clear again this is all under a 1
- confidentiality agreement and sealed until we can 2
- work out what parts go into the record, et cetera. 3
- Everybody here is a party to a confidentiality 4
- agreement. We're working one out with the law firm 5
- of Greenberg Traurig. 6
- So with that understanding, and we will 7
- hopefully work out Thursday what can and what cannot 8
- go in. 9
- MR. GREENBERG: That's fine. 10
- MR. GALARDI: Thank you. 11
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 12
- Do you hold any other positions within Q. 13
- Polaroid? 14
- I'm the secretary as well. Α. 15
- Anything else? 16 Q.
- I am chair of the plan administrator for Α. 17
- the pension plan. 18
- I'm sorry. What was that? Q. 19
- Plan administrator for the pension. Α. 20
- And how long have you held the position of Q. 21
- chairman of the plan administrator, did you say? 22
- Right. Α. 23
- Is that a separate committee or you just Q. 24

- 1 hold the position of chairman?
- 2 A. No, it's a committee.
- Q. And you are chairman of that committee?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. How long have you held that position?
- 6 A. I believe since somewhere in the summer of
- 7 2001. I don't remember the exact date.
- 8 Q. Who held the position before?
- 9 A. Harvey Greenberg.
- 10 Q. Who was on the committee at the time
- Mr. Greenberg was the chairman, just immediately
- 12 prior to your ascending to that position?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- Q. Were you on the committee?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Presently is there a committee that
- encompasses this plan administrator, plan
- 18 administration?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Who is on that committee?
- 21 A. Don Halstead, Deirdre Evans, Janet Cramer,
- 22 Connie McGillivray.
- Q. Are all those four people employees of
- 24 Polaroid currently?

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- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Have they been on this committee since you
- 3 ascended to the chairmanship?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Just as you understand it, what are the
- duties and responsibilities of that committee?
- 7 A. That committee administers the pension,
- 8 dealing with appeals, and makes recommendations
- 9 regarding the pension to management.
- 10 Q. When you say the pension, are there any
- other areas that that committee administers?
- 12 A. It also makes recommendations to the
- company on other areas of medical benefits.
- Q. As it relates to retirees or as it relates
- 15 to active employees also?
- 16 A. As it relates to employees.
- 17 Q. Pardon?
- 18 A. Employees.
- 19 Q. Just employees?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. As I understand, prior to when you took
- this chairmanship you were not involved as a member
- of the committee. Is that right?
- A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. As of the summer of 2001, did Polaroid
- 2 provide benefits for retirees?
- A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And what benefits did it provide
- 5 generically?
- 6 A. It provided retiree medical benefits and
- 7 life insurance benefits.
- 8 Q. Was there a committee that was responsible
- 9 for overseeing those benefits, a committee at
- 10 Polaroid?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. You don't know?
- 13 A. Don't know.
- Q. How long have you been general counsel of
- 15 Polaroid?
- 16 A. Since September of '99.
- Q. And how long have you been secretary of
- 18 Polaroid?
- 19 A. Since September of '99.
- MR. GREENBERG: Could we mark this as
- 21 Goldman Exhibit 1, a document which is Bates-stamped
- 22 PRD-EC-001134 through 50.
- 23 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 1 marked for
- 24 identification.)

- BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Mr. Goldman, can you identify what has 0 -2
- been marked as Goldman Exhibit 1? 3
- (Pause) It's a summary of Polaroid Α. 4
- benefits. 5

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- As of when, sir? Ο. 6
- 2001. Α. 7
- Do you know who prepared the document? Q. 8
- No, I don't. Α. 9
- Do you know as of what date in 2001 this 0. 10
- is applicable? 11
- No, I don't. Α. 12
- This is a document you've seen before, Ο. 13
- Right? though. 14
- Yes. Α. 15
- If you could turn to the fifth page of the 16
- document where it says Polaroid Retiree Medical. Do 17
- you see that? 18
- Yes. Α. 19
- Prior to October 9, 2001, what were the Ο. 20
- benefits that Polaroid provided its retirees, 21
- medical benefits? 22
- It offered retirees the opportunity to 23
- participate in the Polaroid medical plans for those 24

- between 55 and 65 and it provided an eligibility in
- 2 supplemental plans for those over 65.
- Q. And did Polaroid provide any funding for
- 4 those retirees as it related to their participation
- 5 in those plans?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And do you recall what the funding levels
- 8 were that Polaroid provided to retirees between the
- 9 ages of 55 and 65?
- 10 A. In what time frame?
- 11 Q. Prior to October; the period immediately
- prior to October 9, 2001.
- 13 A. I believe the company provided a 50
- 14 percent subsidy for retiree medical benefits.
- 15 Q. And when you say a 50 percent subsidy,
- 16 what do you mean by that?
- 17 A. The company contributed 50 percent of the
- 18 cost of retiree health coverage and the participant
- 19 retiree paid the other 50 percent.
- Q. And how about with respect to retirees
- 21 over the age of 65? Did Polaroid provide any
- 22 subsidy?
- A. My understanding is it was the same
- 24 subsidy.

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- 1 Q. On the document with the Bates stamp
- 2 PRD-EC-001138, which is part of Exhibit 1, there's a
- 3 reference to annual company cash. Do you see that,
- 4 for 2001? You see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What do you understand that to refer to?
- 7 MR. GALARDI: I'm sorry. Could you just
- 8 tell me what page you're referring to?
- 9 MR. GREENBERG: Page 5 of Exhibit 1.
- 10 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 11 Q. Under the entry annual company cash
- there's some amounts there. What do you understand
- 13 that to refer to?
- 14 A. I'm sorry. I lost the thread. Ask me the
- 15 question again, please.
- 16 Q. The medical program for retirees, what was
- 17 the cost to Polaroid to fund that medical program on
- an annual basis prior to the termination?
- 19 A. My understanding was it was approximately
- 20 \$15 million.
- Q. Now, the committee that you were chairman
- of, did it have any involvement in calendar 2001 in
- considering Polaroid retiree medical benefits?
- A. Not that I'm aware of.

- 1 Q. Did you in any capacity at Polaroid have
- 2 any involvement in calendar 2001 in consideration of
- 3 Polaroid retiree medical benefits?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And when did you have first involvement in
- 6 that subject?
- 7 A. I can't place the timing. Sometime in
- 8 2001 there were discussions about reducing the cost
- 9 of medical benefits.
- 10 Q. What season was that?
- 11 A. I'm not sure when those discussions
- 12 started.
- Q. Was it prior to you becoming chairman of
- 14 the -- What was the name of the committee you were
- 15 chairman of?
- 16 A. Plan administrator.
- 17 Q. Plan administrator. Was it prior to you
- 18 becoming chairman of the plan administrator?
- 19 A. I believe it was.
- Q. And what was your role in those
- 21 discussions?
- 22 A. I recall senior management discussions
- about ways to reduce costs in general, and one of
- those discussions focused on the cost of benefits.

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- Was this a board meeting where it was Ο. 1
- discussed? 2
- I wasn't referring to a board meeting. Α. 3
- was referring to an executive committee meeting. 4
- When you say an executive committee Q. 5
- meeting, who attended that meeting? 6
- These were senior management meetings that 7
- were held by the CEO, CFO, general counsel, senior 8
- vice president of global operations, senior vice 9
- president research and development. 10
- And one of the topics that was discussed Q. 11
- was the cost of providing medical insurance to 12
- retirees. Is that correct? 13
- Yes. Α. 14
- And this was a meeting that took place Ο. 15
- sometime prior to July of 2001? 16
- I believe it did. Α. 17
- Did the subject of the possibility of 0. 18
- eliminating those benefits come up at that time? 19
- I believe it did. Α. 20
- Who raised that subject? Ο. 21
- I don't recall who raised the subject. Α. 22
- What was discussed on that subject, the 23
- subject of the possibility of eliminating retiree 24

- medical benefits?
- 2 A. I don't recall exactly. I think it was
- 3 proposed as the benefit and the cost of providing
- the benefit, along with other items that were put
- 5 up.
- Q. Well, did someone raise the possibility
- 7 that maybe we should eliminate these retiree medical
- 8 benefits in total?
- 9 A. No. Not the way you posed that question,
- 10 no.
- 11 Q. What was said on that subject?
- 12 A. As I recall, data was produced that showed
- 13 the cost of various portions of the benefits that
- 14 Polaroid provided.
- 15 Q. And the data would have included that it
- 16 was costing Polaroid approximately \$15 million
- during calendar 2001 for retiree medical benefits.
- 18 Is that correct?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Objection to the form of
- 20 the question.
- 21 A. I don't recall the number that was put up
- 22 at the time of that discussion.
- Q. But there was a number that was put up
- 24 which indicated the cost to Polaroid of providing

- 1 medical benefits to retirees. Correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Was there a discussion about the
- 4 possibility that Polaroid might eliminate that
- 5 benefit as a cost-saving device?
- 6 A. At what point in time?
- 7 Q. At the point of this meeting that took
- 8 place, this executive committee meeting sometime
- 9 prior to July of 2001.
- 10 A. I don't recall.
- 11 Q. Well, what do you recall being said on
- 12 that subject?
- 13 A. I recall that the costs of certain
- 14 benefits were presented. I don't recall specific
- discussion about terminating the benefits.
- 16 Q. When you say certain benefits, are you
- talking about retiree benefits?
- 18 A. The discussion was not focused entirely on
- 19 retiree benefits. We talked about retiree benefits,
- 20 talked about current employee benefits. It was a
- 21 review of benefit programs and costs.
- 22 Q. Did the review include a review of retiree
- 23 benefits?
- A. I believe it did.

- 1 Q. Were there minutes taken of these
- 2 meetings? Does the executive committee take minutes
- 3 of its meetings?
- 4 A. No.
- Q. Was there a written presentation of any
- 6 data at that meeting?
- 7 A. There may have been. I don't recall.
- 8 Q. And other than recalling that this took
- 9 place sometime prior to July of 2001, you can't be
- any more specific about when this subject came up?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 12 question.
- 13 A. I don't recall when that meeting took
- 14 place.
- 15 Q. Was it your impression or understanding at
- the time of this meeting that one of the subjects
- that Polaroid was looking at was the possibility of
- 18 eliminating retiree medical benefits?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. What did you understand then was the
- 21 purpose of reviewing this data as it related to
- 22 retiree medical benefits?
- A. To understand the costs and to help the
- 23 A. To understand the costs and determine 24 company develop a budget for the year and determine

- what if any changes would be made to benefits.
- Q. And when you say help the company develop
- a budget for the year, what year are you talking
- 4 about?
- 5 A. 2001.
- Q. 2001 fiscal year or calendar year or is
- 7 there a difference? Strike that.
- 8 A. The same.
- 9 Q. The same. So this meeting took place
- sometime prior to the establishment of the 2001
- 11 budget. Is that right?
- 12 A. Probably. I can't place it. Probably.
- 13 Q. And Polaroid in its normal operations,
- when would it be establishing the next year's
- 15 budget?
- 16 A. Sometimes it's after the beginning of the
- 17 year they get finalized, so it could have been after
- the first of the year; it could have been late in
- 19 the year before.
- 20 Q. Is it a fair statement, an accurate
- 21 statement that you believe this meeting would have
- taken place either in the last quarter of 2000 or
- 23 the first quarter of 2001, in that six-month window?
- 24 A. Yes.

- Was there a budget that Polaroid in fact Q. 1
- approved for calendar 2001? 2
- Yes. Ά. 3
- And that budget was to carry right till Q. 4
- the end of 2001; in other words, December 31, 2001. 5
- Right? I'll rephrase the question. You said before 6
- that Polaroid establishes an annual budget. Is that 7
- right? 8
- Yes. Α. 9
- And by an annual budget, you mean a budget Q. 10
- that will last for a calendar year. Right? 11
- Yes. Α. 12
- And did Polaroid establish an annual Q. 13
- budget for calendar year 2001? 14
- Yes. Α. 15
- And did that annual budget have a Q. 16
- calculation as far as retiree benefits? 17
- Yes. Α. 18
- Do you recall approximately the amount 0. 19
- that was calculated for retiree benefits for 20
- Polaroid's calendar 2001? 21
- No. I don't think I would have seen it as 22
- a line item. 23
- But just so I'm clear, the budget for 2001 Q. 24

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- didn't calculate retiree benefits for nine months,
- did it? It calculated them assuming they were going 2
- to get them for twelve months. Isn't that right? 3
- I believe that's correct. Α. 4
- Now, does Polaroid publicize in any way Q. 5
- its annual budget? 6
- I don't know what you mean, publicize. Α. 7
- Well, does it put it in any SEC filings? Ο. 8
- Does it announce to its employees that we've 9
- approved the budget for the calendar year? 10
- We wouldn't file it with the SEC. Α. 11
- might have -- I don't recall -- we might have 12
- presented some yearly targets to employees. I don't 13
- recall. 14
- Now, when you say yearly targets, that's 0. 15
- projected income and expenses. Right? 16
- Yes. Α. 17
- You would agree with the statement that 18
- Polaroid's budget for calendar 2001 when it was 19
- approved included as an expense Polaroid retiree 20
- medical benefits for the entire calendar year? 21
- I don't know that as a fact. I didn't Α. 22
- develop the budget. 23
- Well, sir, do you have any reason to Ο. 24

- believe that it didn't include retiree medical
- 2 benefits as a cost item for the entire twelve-month
- 3 period?
- 4 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 5 question.
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Now, at any point in time did you hear
- 8 anyone to your knowledge at Polaroid prior to the
- 9 end of September 2001 announce that Polaroid had
- 10 adopted a revised operating budget for calendar 2001
- that reflected less money -- I'm sorry -- reflected
- an elimination of retiree medical benefits for the
- 13 last quarter?
- 14 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?
- 15 Q. Bad question. Let me rephrase it.
- 16 At any point in the first nine months of
- calendar 2001, are you aware of Polaroid announcing
- that it had revised its calendar-year budget to
- reflect the elimination of retiree medical payments
- 20 for the last quarter? And I'm just focusing on the
- 21 first nine months.
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Now, in the first six months of calendar
- 24 2001 did you have any other discussions with anyone

- 1 at Polaroid about the possibility of eliminating
- 2 Polaroid retiree medical payments?
- 3 A. I don't recall.
- 4 Q. When is the first discussion you recall
- 5 about the possibility of eliminating Polaroid
- 6 retiree medical payments?
- 7 A. Sometime early in the summer of 2001.
- 8 Q. And in what context was that discussion?
- 9 A. We were reviewing the cost of medical
- benefits; we were reducing the subsidy for the
- 11 company contribution to the employee plan, the
- employee medical benefits. And at that time we were
- looking at the cost of retiree benefits and there
- was a discussion about whether or not to eliminate
- retiree medical coverage or reduce the subsidy to
- 16 retirees.
- Q. Was this a management discussion, a board
- 18 discussion? What context?
- 19 A. I'm referring to a management discussion.
- 20 Q. This was in executive committee?
- 21 A. I don't remember if it was in executive
- 22 committee or a smaller meeting. I just have a
- recollection of the discussion in general terms.
- Q. Being in the early summer of 2001?

- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Who do you recall discussing it with?
- A. I believe I had discussions with Bill
- 4 Flaherty.
- 5 Q. Mr. Flaherty holds what position?
- 6 A. Chief financial officer.
- 7 Q. And he held that position at the time?
- 8 A. I think he had just joined us.
- 9 Q. Who else?
- 10 A. Gary DiCamillo, CEO. These may have been
- ll different conversations. I'm not suggesting this
- was one meeting. Louise Cavanaugh.
- Q. What position?
- 14 A. Louise is associate general counsel. Mary
- 15 Kelly.
- 16 Q. And what position does she hold?
- 17 A. At that time she was manager of
- compensation and benefits. That's what I recall.
- 19 Q. Who raised the possibility of eliminating
- 20 retiree medical benefits payments by Polaroid?
- 21 A. I don't recall who raised it, but Mary
- 22 Kelly was -- I don't recall who raised it.
- 23 Q. Well, you didn't raise it. Right? That.
- 24 wasn't your idea?

- 1 A. I'm not suggesting it was anybody's idea.
- 2 The company was examining ways to reduce costs.
- Q. Were there any written documents that
- 4 reflected that consideration of eliminating retiree
- 5 medical payments?
- A. I don't recall if there were documents
- 7 specific to that.
- 8 Q. Were there discussions about the pros and
- 9 cons of eliminating medical benefits for retirees?
- 10 A. I don't recall a discussion of the pros
- 11 and cons.
- 12 Q. Well, what do you recall Mr. Flaherty said
- on the subject?
- 14 A. We were examining the cost impact of these
- 15 benefits and whether or not we could afford to
- 16 continue them.
- 17 Q. Did Mr. Flaherty make any recommendation?
- 18 A. I don't recall a specific recommendation.
- 19 T recall discussions.
- Q. Well, do you recall generally what he said
- on that subject? Other than going through the
- numbers and saying what it cost, do you recall
- 23 anything that Mr. Flaherty said about whether this
- was a good idea or a bad idea, to eliminate these

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- benefits?
- A. No, I don't.
- Q. Is it that you don't recall or he didn't
- 4 make any comment on that subject?
- 5 A. I don't recall what he said.
- 6 Q. How about Mr. DiCamillo? Did he say
- 7 anything on this subject of eliminating retiree
- 8 benefits?
- 9 A. Yeah, he very much wanted to find a way
- not to eliminate the retiree medical benefits.
- 11 Q. He told you that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. This is back in the early summer of 2001?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did he say why he very much wanted to find
- lo a way not to eliminate these retiree benefits?
- 17 A. Because he felt that the retirees were
- 18 former employees and he was sympathetic to their
- 19 financial needs.
- Q. Did he ever use the word that these were
- 21 benefits that had been promised these people?
- 22 A. No, not to my knowledge.
- Q. Did he ever indicate to you that he
- 24 thought these retirees were in a vulnerable

27 When did she give this advice?] Ο. On an ongoing basis. Α. Well, when was the initial time she gave Ο. 3 4 advice? I don't recall specifically. Α. ۲, Was it sometime early summer of 2001? Ο. 6 I believe it was. Α. So if I understand, Ms. Cavanaugh gave 8 Q. advice in early summer of 2001 on the issue of c) whether or not Polaroid could eliminate retiree 10 benefits. Is that right? 13 I don't think that's what I said. 12 Well, what was the subject that she was 1 3 Ο. giving advice on in the early summer of 2001 as it 14 related to retirees? 15 MR. SAUNDERS: Just so you understand, you 16 can disclose the subject matter generally of matters 17 on which you received advice but you should not 18 disclose the substance of the advice. Do you 19 understand that? 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 She advised as to Polaroid's rights and Α. 22

responsibilities under the medical plans in effect.

Was one of the subjects that she gave

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- advice on the subject of whether or not Folaroid in Ţ
- her view could terminate the retiree medical 2
- payments? 3
- MR. SAUNDERS: Answer that yes or no cr "I 4
- don't know" or "I don't recall." 5
- Yes. Α. 6
- And she gave that advice in the early 7
- summer on that subject? 8
- I believe so. Α. 9
- So if I understand it, as early as the 10
- summer of 2001 Polaroid was asking its in-house 11
- counsel whether or not it had the ability legally to 12
- terminate these benefits? 13
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 14
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 15
- Did Polaroid ever advise its retirees that 16
- in the early summer of 2001 its counsel was 17
- considering whether or not it had the right to 1.8
- terminate these retirement plans? 1 9
- First of all, what you've just stated is 2.0
- not what I stated. I never said that we asked for 21
- advice on terminating the medical plan. 22
- Was Ms. Cavanaugh given the assignment to
- determine whether or not Polaroid could terminate 23 24

29 the retiree benefits? 1

- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer.
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 3
- What was the advice Ms. Cavanaugh provided Ο. 4
- in the early summer of 2001? Ε,
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 6
- MR. GREENBERG: Just so it's clear, it 7
- would be our position that we could argue negative 8
- inference; that to the extent you assert privilege, 9
- that the response would be something that would be 1.0
- detrimental to your interests. I just want to put 11
- that on the record, that that may in fact be our 12
- 13 arqument.
- MR. SAUNDERS: Well, good luck with it. 14
- The privilege would be pretty useless if a negative 15
- inference could be drawn from its assertion. And 16
- it's a pretty clear principle of law. Although I'll 17
- remember that next time I'm advising a client to 18
- assert the privilege. 19
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 20
- Mr. Goldman, other than what you claim are 2.1 Ο.
- privileged discussions, did Ms. Cavanaugh say 22
- anything to you or other members of Polaroid 23
- concerning her views on the elimination of retiree 24

- 1 medical plans?
- 2 MR. SAUNDERS: Can you read that back,
- g please.
- 4 (The reporter read the question.)
- 5 MR. SAUNDERS: I guess I will repeat my
- 6 instruction to you, that if there's something that
- 7 you think was said which did not constitute a
- 8 rendition of legal advice or a communication that
- 9 was made to facilitate the rendition of legal
- 10 advice, then you can try to answer.
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. You can't recall any?
- A. You asked me if she made statements to me
- or anyone else. I don't know about statements to
- 15 anyone else.
- 16 Q. How about to you or where you were
- 17 present, in your presence?
- MR. SAUNDERS: You have my continuing
- 19 instruction in mind?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Mary Kelly, did she say anything in your
- presence concerning the subject of the possibility
- of eliminating retiree benefits as of early summer

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- 1 2001?
- 2 A. My recollection is she only produced
- 3 factual data.
- Q. Now, the document in front of you is
- 5 entitled Polaroid Benefit Plans 2001. Do you see
- 6 that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Looking at the document, do you have any
- 9 idea as to when this may have been prepared?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. If you can turn to it, I asked you to look
- 12 at page 5; now let me ask you to look at page 6.
- 13 You see at the top it says Retiree Medical Future
- and there's a reference under Additional Options,
- you see number 1, "Provide coverage for over 65
- only, eliminate 55 to 65 coverage." Do you see
- 17 that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that a subject that you recall any
- 20 discussion on, the elimination of coverage for ages
- 21 55 to 65?
- 22 A. I have a vague memory of alternatives
- 23 being discussed.
- Q. At what point in time?

- 1 A. Summer of 2001.
- Q. Are these in the same context of the other
- 3 discussions you've talked about?
- 4 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 5 question.
- 6 A. I'm not sure what you're referring to in
- 7 terms of the same discussions.
- 8 Q. Is there something at Polaroid called the
- 9 human resources committee of the board of directors?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What is that?
- 12 A. It's a subcommittee of the board of
- directors which focuses on issues affecting human
- 14 resources and benefits.
- MR. GREENBERG: Let me mark, if I can, a
- 16 document that was produced in this matter by I
- believe Polaroid's counsel. It is a redacted
- document, minutes of human resources committee of
- the board of directors of Polaroid Corporation, July
- 20 3, 2001. I'm just going to mark pages 1, 2 and 4 as
- 21 the exhibit.
- (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 2 marked for
- 23 identification.)
- 24 BY MR. GREENBERG:

- O. I'm going to show you what's been marked
- 2 as Exhibit 2, minutes of the human resources
- 3 committee. Actually, let me ask you to identify
- 4 Exhibit 2. What is it?
- 5 A. Minutes of human resources committee
- 6 meeting of the Polaroid board of directors dated
- 7 July 3, 2001.
- 8 Q. Now, it references a telephonic meeting of
- 9 the human resources committee of the board held on
- July 3, 2001, and it lists participation in the call
- of the following directors: a Mr. Loose. Who is
- 12 John Loose?
- 13 A. John Loose is a Polaroid director.
- 14 Q. Is he an employee of Polaroid?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. An outside director?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Stephen Kaufman, who is Mr. Kaufman?
- 19 A. He is an outside director.
- Q. Alfred Poe, who is he?
- A. He's an outside director.
- Q. And Alfred Zeien?
- A. He's an outside director.
- Q. And were they outside directors of

- Polaroid as of July 3, 2001? 1
- Yes. Α. 2
- Are they still directors of Polaroid? Q. 3
- Yes. Α. 4
- Were they also on the human resources Q. 5
- committee of the Polaroid board of directors as of 6
- July 3, 2001? 7
- Yes. Α. 8
- Were you on that committee, the human Q.
- resources committee of the board of directors, as of 9 10
- July 3, 2001? 11
- No. Α. 12
- Were there any other people on that Q. 13
- committee, the human resources committee? 14
- I think there's one other -- I believe
- there is one other committee member and I can't 15
- think offhand who it is, also an outside director. 16 17
- And it also references --Q.
- I'm sorry. It references all members of 18 Α. 19
- the committee. This is the entire committee. 20
- Those four people? Ο. 21
- Yes. Α. 22
- Prior to July 3, 2001, had you had any
- discussions with either Mr. Loose, Mr. Kaufman, 23 24

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- Mr. Poe or Mr. Zeien about the possibility of)
- eliminating retiree medical benefit payments? 2
- I don't believe so. 3
- Is this July 3rd the first time this Q. 4
- subject was discussed with those gentlemen? Ε,
- What subject? Α. 6
- The reduction or elimination of retiree 0. 7
- medical benefits. 8
- Is there a reference in here to retiree 9
- medical benefits? 10
- The second page, "Mr. Greenberg reported Ο. 11
- on proposed employee and retiree benefit changes." 12
- Right. I believe it was. Α. 13
- This is the first time you discussed the Q۷ 14
- possibility of eliminating the retiree benefits with 15
- these four people? 16
- I'm sorry. You first asked me whether or 17
- not this was the first time we talked about changes 18
- to retiree benefits and now you've just said the 19
- first time we talked about eliminating them. I 20
- don't think we've established that we talked about 21
- eliminating benefits at this meeting. 22
- You testified before that prior to July of
- 2001 you had discussed with executives at Polaroid 23 24

- one possibility being eliminating these benefits, 1.
- retiree benefits. Isn't that correct? 2
- Yes. Α. 3
- Now, Harvey Greenberg, it says here in Q. 4
- Exhibit 2 he was a consultant. Did Mr. Greenberg 5
- work at any point in time for Polaroid? 6
- Yes. Α. 7
- In what capacity? Q. 8
- At any point in time? Α. 9
- Was he an employee of Polaroid during Q. 10
- calendar 2001? 11
- Yes. Α. 12
- What was his position? Q. 13
- Senior vice president human resources. Α. 14
- Did that position have any responsibility Q. 15
- as it related to Polaroid retiree benefits? 16
- Yes. Α. 17
- Mr. Greenberg resigned from Polaroid Q. 18
- sometime prior to July 3, 2001. Is that correct? 19
- Yes. Α. 20
- Why did he resign, if you know? Q. 21
- I don't know. Α. 22
- He was given a severance You don't know. 23
- package, is that right, when he resigned? 24

- Yes Α. 1
- And he was also hired back by Polaroid as Q. 2
- a consultant. Is that right? 3
- Yes. Α. 4
- Did Mr. Greenberg take a lump-sum pension Q. С,
- payout at the time of his resignation? 6
- I believe he did. Α. 7
- Do you recall the magnitude of his payout? Q. 8
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars. I don't Α. 9
- remember the exact number. 10
- What was Mr. Greenberg's salary at Q. 11
- Polaroid prior to his resignation and coming on as a 12
- consultant? 13
- I'm not sure. 260, 280. Α. 14
- So he was making a little less than Q. 15
- Less than 300,000 dollars a year. Is that 300,000? 16
- right? 17
- Yes. Α. 18
- And he was given a severance package. Q٠ 19
- Right? 20
- Yes. Α. 21
- And that severance package, do you recall Q. 22
- the magnitude of the money he was getting under that 23
- severance agreement? 24

- I believe it was a two-year severance paid Α. 1
- in a stream of payments, I believe. 2
- A stream of payments over two years? Ο. 3
- I believe, yes. Α. 4
- And he was also hired as a consultant? Q. 5
- Yes. Α. 6
- Was he getting paid as a consultant? Q. 7
- Yes. Α. 8
- Do you recall approximately how much he Q. 9
- was being paid as a consultant? 10
- I don't offhand. Α. 11
- Was it \$22,500 a month? Does that sound Q. 12
- about right? 13
- That sounds about right. Α. 14
- So why did Polaroid hire -- Why did Q. 75
- Polaroid agree to pay Mr. Greenberg a severance 16
- payment over a two-year period and then hire him as 17
- a consultant at \$22,500 a month? 18
- We hired him as a consultant. I don't 19
- remember the term of his consulting agreement but I 20
- believe it was fairly short, and we believed we 21
- needed some transitional consulting advice after the 22
- 11. 23
- On what subject was he hired to be a Q. 24

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- 1 consultant?
- 2 A. Some human resources issues.
- 3 Q. What issues?
- 4 A. He was helping us on some compensation and
- 5 benefits work.
- 6 Q. Anything as it related to retirees?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Did he have a written consulting
- 9 agreement?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. How long was it to run?
- 12 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Was it more than six months?
- A. I don't think so.
- 15 Q. Has Mr. Greenberg been retained in
- 16 connection with the bankruptcy proceeding?
- 17 A. No.
- O. So does Mr. Greenberg have any ongoing
- relationship with Polaroid since it filed its
- 20 bankruptcy proceeding, other than as a creditor?
- 21 A. I don't know. I don't know when his
- consulting agreement ran out. I don't know if it
- 23 was -- I don't know if he did any work after the
- 24 petition was filed.

- 1 Q. Now, it says in Exhibit 2 that
- 2 Mr. Greenberg on page 2 reported on proposed
- employee and retiree benefit changes. Do you see
- 4 that?
- S A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Was Mr. Greenberg given an assignment by
- 7 Polaroid as it related to retiree benefits?
- A. My recollection is that he was asked to
- 9 make this report, because I had just taken over
- responsibility from him for human resources and
- where he had done a lot of the prior work, he was
- 12 asked to make this presentation. I hadn't been in
- 13 the job very long.
- Q. Who asked him to make this report?
- 15 A. I believe Gary DiCamillo asked him.
- 16 Q. And when was that request made of Harvey
- 17 Greenberg?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. Was it made more than a month before this
- 20 meeting?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- Q. What did Mr. DiCamillo ask Mr. Greenberg
- 23 to do?
- A. I don't know.

- 1 Q. What was your understanding based upon
- 2 your position at the company and as a member and
- 3 participating in this meeting as to what
- 4 Mr. Greenberg had been asked to do?
- A. Mr. Greenberg had been working on benefit
- 6 changes while he was an employee. My understanding
- 7 was that he was asked to continue to manage the work
- 8 he was doing and to make this presentation to the
- 9 board, because it was very soon after he left the
- 10 company.
- 11 Q. When you say make this presentation, did
- Mr. Greenberg make a recommendation at this time as
- 13 it related to retiree benefits?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. What was his recommendation as it relates
- to retirees?
- 17 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 18 Q. Well, what do you recall generally his
- 19 recommendation was?
- 20 A. I believe -- I don't recall specifically.
- 21 I don't.
- Q. What do you recall on the subject of his
- 23 recommendation?
- 24 A. I don't recall.

- Did he recommend that Polaroid eliminate Q. 1
- retiree benefits? 2
- I have no recollection of him making that 3
- recommendation. 4
- Was that discussed at this meeting, this Ο. 5
- telephonic meeting on July 3? 5
- Not to my recollection. Α. 7
- Was his recommendation in writing? Ο. 8
- It was a telephone meeting. I don't know 9
- -- I don't recall if anything was circulated to the 10
- board. 11
- Was Mr. Greenberg on the phone and you Ο. 12
- were in a separate facility on the phone or was he 13
- with you and Mr. DiCamillo? 14
- I believe we were together in Cambridge. Α. 15
- When you say "we," you and --Q. 16
- I believe Mr. DiCamillo and I and 17
- Mr. Greenberg were together in Cambridge. I 18
- believe. 19
- Do you recall anything that was said by Ο. 20
- any of the participants in that meeting on July 3 on 21
- the subject of retiree benefit changes? 22
- I don't. Α. 23
- Did you take any notes of the meeting? 24

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- Yes. Α. 1
- Do you know whether or not those notes ? Ο.
- have been -- Did you retain those notes? 3
- No. Α. 4
- When did you discard those notes? 0. 5
- After I do the minutes, I write the К
- minutes and I discard the notes. 7
- And Exhibit 2 reflects the minutes that Ο. 8
- you prepared? 9
- I can't tell if there's a redaction, but 10
- yes. 11
- Have you ever received any written Q. 12
- proposal or recommendation from Mr. Greenberg as it 13
- related to retiree benefit changes? 14
- I don't recall a recommendation from him Α. 15
- on retiree medical benefits. 16
- Have you ever received any recommendation 17
- from anyone at Polaroid between July 3, 2001, and 18
- the bankruptcy filing concerning a recommendation to 19
- change or eliminate retiree benefits? 20
- Will you repeat the question? Α. 21
- (The reporter read the question.) 22
- I don't recall the time frame. There was
- a time when we reduced the subsidy for retirees from 23 24

- 1 80 percent to 50 percent, and that may have been
- 2 based on a recommendation made; I don't recall.
- Q. Do you recall when that subsidy was
- 4 reduced?
- A. Again, the summer of 2001 it was
- 6 discussed.
- 7 Q. When was it adopted?
- A. I don't know the specific -- I don't
- 9 recall the specific date.
- 10 Q. How did you inform retirees of that
- reduction in the subsidy?
- 12 A. I believe there was a mailing of the
- 13 change.
- 14 Q. To whom?
- 15 A. To the retirees.
- 16 Q. Did the mailing provide advance notice, in
- other words, tell retirees that starting at some
- point in the future this subsidy would change?
- 19 A. I believe it did.
- 20 Q. How much advance notice did it provide?
- 21 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 22 Q. Who was the author of that document?
- 23 A. I don't know who wrote it.
- Q. Did you sign the letter?

- 1 A. I'm not sure.
- 2 MR. GREENBERG: Has that document been
- 3 produced?
- 4 MR. GALARDI: I don't know.
- 5 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 6 Q. Now, you said there was a change in the
- 7 subsidy. Was there an amendment to the plan
- 8 documents to reflect that reduction in the subsidy?
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Well, you were chairman of the plan
- 11 committee. Right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Do you know what the word fiduciary is?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you view yourself as a fiduciary in
- 16 that position?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And what did you understand as a fiduciary
- 19 your responsibilities were?
- 20 A. My responsibilities were to carry out the
- 21 plan for the benefit of the participants in the
- 22 plan.
- 23 Q. The participants being the retirees. Is
- 24 that correct?

- And employees, yes. Α. ٦
- I'm only focusing on retirees. Did you
- understand that you were a fiduciary for retirees? 2 3
- Yes. Α.
- And you understood that from the time that 4 5
- you ascended to that position in the summer of 2001. 6
- Is that right? 7
- Yes. Α.
- As a fiduciary as the chairman of that 8 Q.
- committee, did you seek advice from anyone on what 9 10
- your duties and responsibilities were? 11
- Yes. Α. 12
- And from whom did you seek advice on that Q. 13
- subject? 14
- Louise Cavanaugh. Α. 15
- But I thought you said Ms. Cavanaugh was Q. 16
- employed by Polaroid. 17
- She is. Α. 18
- Well, you wore one hat as the general ٥. 19
- counsel and employee of Polaroid and you wore 20
- another hat as chairman of the plan fiduciary. 21
- that right?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 22 23
- question. 24

- BY MR. GRAY: 1
- Is that right? Ο. 2
- Repeat the question, please. Α. 3
- You acted both as a general counsel and Ο. 4
- employee of Polaroid and at the same time you were a 5
- fiduciary to the retirees as chairman of the plan 6
- committee. Is that right? 7
- Yes. Α. 8
- Now, did Ms. Cavanaugh act as counsel to 9
- the plan or was she -- ? Did she act as counsel to 10
- the plan? 11
- She advised the committee with outside Α. 12
- advice. 13
- When you say outside advice, did the Q. 14
- committee -- And when I say the plan, I'm talking 15
- about the plan to provide retirees with benefits. 16
- Did that plan retain outside counsel who gave it 17
- advice? 18
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 19
- question. 20
- Are you talking about the plan Į. 21
- administrator? 22
- Did you retain outside counsel, 23
- someone other than Ms. Cavanaugh, to give you advice 24

- on what you could do and couldn't do? 1
- The plan administrator was receiving 2
- outside advice, yes. 3
- From whom? Q. 4
- We had advice coming I believe from Groom Α. 5
- & Associates and also from Baker & Botts. К
- And, I'm sorry, the first company was 0. 7
- what? 8
- Groom & Associates. A. 9
- What are they? Q. 1.0
- They are a law firm specializing in Α. 11
- benefits. 12
- Where are they located? Q. 13
- Washington. Α. 14
- Did you deal with someone in particular Q. 15
- there? 16
- We dealt with Bob Gallagher and Gary Α. 17
- Groom. 18
- Is that the --Ο. 19
- Gary Ford. Α. 20
- Is that called the Groom Law Group, Ο. 21
- Chartered? 22
- Α.
- On Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.? 23 Q. 24

- Yes. Α. 1
- And if I understand, they acted as your Q. 2
- counsel in giving you advice with respect to your Ĵ
- fiduciary obligations to retirees. Is that a 4
- subject you consulted them on? €,
- I don't recall specifically. Α. 6
- Well, did you consult anyone on that Q. 7
- subject, your fiduciary duties as the plan 8
- administrator to retirees? 9
- Α. Yes. 10
- Who paid the Groom Law Group fees? Q. 11
- The company. Α. 12
- Which company? Q. 13
- Polaroid. Α. 14
- Now, you also said Baker & Botts. Did you Ο. 15
- also consult with them on that subject, the subject 16
- of your fiduciary duties as plan administrator to 17
- retirees? 18
- I'm not sure if we consulted with them on Α. 19
- fiduciary duties. 20
- Who at Baker & Botts -- Are you familiar Q. 21
- with a gentleman, James Raborn? 22
- No. Α. 23
- Could you just explain why is it that Q. 24

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- Polaroid paid the Groom law firm fees for advice it 1
- gave you as plan administrator? 2
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 3
- question. 4
- We thought it was appropriate for the Α. 5
- company to pay that. 6
- When you say "we," who is the we? Ο. 7
- The company, Polaroid. Α. В
- Did you consult with the Groom Law Group Q. 9
- in connection with the attempt or the purported 1.0
- termination of the retiree plan? 11
- I'm not sure. What purported termination 12
- of the retiree plan? 13
- Does Polaroid claim that it terminated the Q. 14
- retiree medical plan? 15
- I'm sorry. I thought you said --Α. 16
- At any point in time did Polaroid Q. 17
- terminate its medical benefits for retirees? 18
- Yes. Α. 19
- And in your capacity as plan Q. 20
- administrator, did you consult with the Groom Law 23
- Group on that subject? 22
- I don't recall. A
- Well, did you consult with anyone on that 23 Q. 24

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- subject, any lawyers? 7
- Did the plan administrator consult with Α. 2
- any lawyers? 3
- Well, you were the plan administrator. Ο. 4
- Right? 5
- I just want to be clear. Α. 6
- And I just want to be clear too. You were 0. 7
- the plan administrator? ß
- Yes. Α. 9
- You were a fiduciary to all the retirees, Q. 10
- the plan participants. Right? 11
- Repeat the question again, please. Α. 12
- Did you understand that you were a Q. 13
- fiduciary to the retirees, Polaroid's retirees? 14
- Yes. Α. 15
- And if I understand, as the plan 16
- administrator you took some action attempting to 17
- terminate the plan. 18
- The plan administrator doesn't terminate Α. 19
- the plan. 20
- Did you take any action to terminate the Q. 21
- plan? 2.2
- Did I personally? P_{k} . 23
- Yes, in your role as plan administrator. Q. 24

- The plan administrator did not terminate Α. 3
- retiree medical. 2
- Who terminated the retiree medical? Q. 3
- The board of directors. Α. 4
- Of Polaroid? Q. 5
- Yes. Α. 6
- Did they consult with you before they did 7 Q.
- that? 8
- Yes. Α. 9
- In your capacity as a member of the board 10
- of directors, did you consult with outside counsel 11
- on that subject? 12
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 13
- question. 14
- I am not a member of the board of Α. 15
- directors. 16
- I'm sorry. As general counsel. Ο. 17
- Repeat the question, please. Α. 18
- Did you consult with any outside law firm Q. 19
- on the subject of the board of directors' attempt to 20
- terminate the plan, the retiree plan? 21
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 22
- question. 23
- I don't understand the word attempt to 24

- 1 terminate.
- 2 O. Did you discuss with anyone -- I'll back
- 3 up. Can you tell me why Groom Law Group was paid
- 4 \$50,000 on October 4, 2001?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. And what was that for?
- 7 A. That was for legal advice.
- 8 O. In connection with what?
- 9 A. The company's benefit plan.
- 10 Q. Was that advice that had been rendered or
- 11 advice that was about to be rendered?
- 12 A. I don't recall.
- 13 Q. You approved that bill, though?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 0. Now, between July 3 and the first week of
- October -- Strike that. After July 3, 2001, when
- was the next time you participated in any
- discussions concerning the possibility that the
- retiree medical plan might be terminated?
- 20 A. I don't recall.
- O. When do you recall next participating in
- 22 any discussion on that subject?
- 23 A. I'm sorry. The subject of?
- Q. The possibility of eliminating retiree

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- 1 medical benefits.
- 2 A. I don't recall specifically.
- Q. Prior to the bankruptcy filing do you
- 4 recall having any discussion with anyone about the
- 5 possibility of terminating retiree benefits, between
- 6 July 3 and the bankruptcy filing?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. With whom?
- 9 A. Louise Cavanaugh.
- 10 Q. Who else?
- 11 A. Bill Flaherty.
- 12 Q. Who else?
- A. Gary DiCamillo.
- 0. Who else?
- 15 A. Mary Kelly, Gary Ford of Groom &
- 16 Associates, David Kurtz of Skadden Arps, Gregg
- 17 Galardi of Skadden Arps.
- 18 Q. When was Skadden Arps retained?
- 19 A. I'm not sure. July-August, somewhere in
- there.
- o. Of what year?
- 22 A. 2001.
- MR. SAUNDERS: Can we take a break when
- 24 you get to a good stopping point?

- 1 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 2. O. Was one of the reasons Skadden Arps was
- retained to consider the possibility of a Chapter 11
- 4 filing?
- 5 A. Repeat the question.
- 6 0. Was one of the reasons that Skadden Arps
- 7 was retained in terms of the consideration of a
- 8 possible Chapter 11 proceeding?
- 9 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 10 question.
- 11 A. They were hired to advise us on
- 12 restructuring.
- 13 Q. And did that include the possibility of a
- 14 Chapter 11 filing?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you said they were retained sometime
- 17 around July or August?
- 18 A. I believe. I don't have the exact date.
- MR. GREENBERG: If you want to take a
- 20 break now, that's fine.
- 21 (In recess 10:58 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.)
- 22 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Prior to retaining Skadden, had Polaroid
- retained anyone else to advise it on restructuring?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Who?
- 3 A. Simpson Thacher.
- 4 Q. Simpson Thacher in New York, the New York
- 5 office?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. When did Polaroid retain Simpson Thacher
- 8 to provide it with restructuring advice?
- 9 A. I don't recall the exact date.
- 10 O. Was it prior to the spring of 2001?
- 11 A. It may have been the spring of 2001.
- 12 Q. And did Polaroid have a preexisting
- relationship with Simpson Thacher?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 0. Was the subject of changing or eliminating
- the retiree benefits discussed with Simpson Thacher
- 17 at any point in time?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- 19 Q. Who had responsibility for interfacing
- with Simpson Thacher, who at Polaroid, in connection
- with getting any advice on eliminating or changing
- 22 retiree medical benefits?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 24 question.

- A. I had responsibility for outside counsel.
- 2 O. Did you discuss with anyone at Simpson
- 3 Thacher whether or not Polaroid could terminate
- 4 retiree medical benefits?
- 5 MR. SAUNDERS: You can answer that yes or
- 6 no, "I don't know" or "I don't recall."
- 7 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 8 O. Did you discuss that subject with any
- 9 other outside counsel?
- 10 A. At what point in time?
- 0. At any point in time; any point prior to
- 12 the bankruptcy filing.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 0. With whom?
- 15 A. Groom & Associates and Skadden Arps.
- 0. Who did you discuss it with first?
- 17 A. I believe Skadden Arps.
- 18 Q. And with whom at Skadden Arps?
- 19 A. David Kurtz, I believe.
- Q. When was that?
- 21 A. I don't recall the time.
- Q. What month?
- 23 A. I don't recall the month.
- Q. Was it the summer of 2001?

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- I don't know. I don't think -- I don't 7
- know. Don't know. 2
- What did you say to Mr. Kurtz and what did 0. 3
- he say to you on that subject?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 5
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 6
- With whom at Groom Law Group did you 7
- discuss that subject? 8
- Gary Ford. Α. 9
- And when was that discussion? Ο. 10
- I don't recall specifically. I remember a Α. 11
- conversation; I don't know specifically. I don't 12
- recall specifically. 13
- Do you recall providing to either the 14
- Groom Law Group or Skadden Arps copies of your plan 15
- documents? 16
- MR. SAUNDERS: Hold on a second. 17
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? 18
- MR. SAUNDERS: Hold on a second. I'm 19
- thinking about that. I'm going to instruct you not 20
- to answer that. 21
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 22
- Were you given any advice by the Groom Law 23
- Group on the subject of whether or not Polaroid 24

- 1 could terminate its benefit plans for retirees?
- 2 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- question, but you can answer it yes, no, "I don't
- 4 know," "I don't recall."
- ς A. Yes.
- 6 O. And when were you given such advice?
- 7 A. I don't recall the timing.
- 8 Q. Was that advice in writing?
- 9 A. I don't recall.
- 10 O. Do you recall approximately how much prior
- to the bankruptcy filing you received that advice?
- 12 A. I believe it was pretty close to the
- 13 filing.
- 0. And what was the information that you
- 15 received from the Groom Law Group?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer.
- 17 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 18 Q. Did you receive advice from Skadden Arps
- on whether or not Polaroid could terminate the
- 20 retirement plans for retirees?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 22 question. You can answer it yes, no, or "I don't
- 23 know," "I don't recall."
- 24 A. Yes.

- O. And was that advice in writing?
- 2 A. I don't believe it was.
- 3 O. When did you receive that advice?
- 4 A. I believe it was pretty close to the
- 5 filing date.
- 6 O. When you say pretty close, is that within
- 7 a matter of hours, days, weeks, what?
- 8 A. Weeks, maybe days.
- 9 O. And what was that advice?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Objection, instruction not
- 11 to answer.
- 12 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 0. Who was Polaroid's principal lender?
- 14 A. Chase Manhattan Bank.
- Q. And prior to the bankruptcy filing, was
- 16 Chase Manhattan Bank the principal lender of
- 17 Polaroid's?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 0. Did you speak with any representative of
- 20 Chase Manhattan Bank on the subject of reducing or
- 21 eliminating retiree benefits?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Did you attend any meeting where any
- 24 representatives of Chase Manhattan were present

- 1 where that subject arose?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 O. Are you aware of any meeting that was
- 4 attended by Polaroid's counsel where that subject
- 5 arose?
- A. Repeat the question.
- 7 Q. Are you aware of any meeting at which
- 8 Polaroid's counsel attended with representatives of
- 9 Chase Manhattan Bank where the subject of the
- 10 elimination of retiree benefits was discussed?
- 11 A. What time frame?
- 12 Q. Prior to the bankruptcy filing.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. You're familiar with the terminology a DIP
- 15 budget?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Debtor-in-possession financing. Is that
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Who at Polaroid or acting for Polaroid was
- involved in preparing the DIP financing budget?
- 22 A. I don't know the names of all of the
- people who were involved. It was under the
- direction of our CFO, Bill Flaherty.

- Were you involved in that process? Q. 1
- Creating the budget? What process? Α. 2
- The process of creating the budget. 0. 3
- No. Α. 4
- Do you know when Mr. Flaherty started Q. 5
- working on -- Strike that. Do you know when 6
- Polaroid started working on creating a debtor-7
- in-possession financing budget? 8
- No. Α. 9
- Do you know who worked with Mr. Flaherty Ο. 10
- on that subject? 11
- I know some of the people. I may not know Α. 12
- all of them. Andra Bolotin and Don Halstead. 13
- What are their positions? Ο. 14
- Andra Bolotin is the treasurer and vice Α. 15
- president corporate strategy. Don Halstead is the 16
- vice president and controller. 17
- What was their role, if you know, in 18
- connection with preparing the DIP budget? 19
- Don Halstead was responsible for creating Α. 20
- the internal operating budgets and Andra Bolotin was 21
- responsible for treasury and worked with Bill 22
- Flaherty on the budgets. 23
- Did Polaroid start preparing a proposed Q. 24

- 1 DIP budget in the summer of 2001?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know that?
- A. I don't know who would know that.
- 5 O. Did your restructuring counsel at Simpson
- 6 Thacher and at Skadden Arps report to you on the
- 7 status of what they were doing?
- 8 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 9 question.
- 10 A. What they were doing regarding what?
- 11 O. For example, your outside counsel, your
- restructuring counsel, were they engaged in
- discussions with your lender or your lender's
- lawyers prior to the bankruptcy filing?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And on what subjects were they engaged in
- 17 discussions?
- 18 A. Negotiating the terms of our loans.
- 19 Q. Were you negotiating terms of DIP
- 20 financing if the company filed bankruptcy? Was that
- 21 a subject that they were discussing with your
- lender's counsel?
- 23 A. What time period?
- 24 Q. September 2001.

- I don't recall when those discussions Α. 1
- commenced. 2
- But they started at some point in time? Q. 3
- They started at some point in time. Α.
- Did they start before October 9? Q. 5
- Yes. Α. 6
- Do you recall, did they start before Q.
- October 1st? 8
- I don't recall. Α. 9
- The date Polaroid filed bankruptcy, that 0. 3.0
- was October 12, 2001. Is that right? 11
- Yes. Α. 12
- Did it have a stipulated DIP financing Ο. 13
- budget that it had agreed to with Chase? 14
- Yes. Α. 15
- Who was responsible in terms of outside 0. 16
- counsel representing Polaroid in connection with 17
- negotiating that DIP budget? 18
- I was. Α. 19
- I'm sorry? 20 Ο.
- The counsel didn't negotiate the budget. 21 Α.
- Who were the parties negotiating the Ο. 22
- budget? 23
- Who were the individuals? Α. 24

- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. I believe Bill Flaherty and Andra Bolotin,
- 3 I believe.
- 4 Q. And who at Chase did they deal with?
- 5 A. I believe they dealt with Kimberly Turner.
- 6 Q. What was her position at Chase?
- 7 A. I don't know. Account -- I don't know.
- 8 And she worked with John McDonough.
- 9 O. What was his position at Chase?
- 10 A. I'm not sure. Managing director,
- 11 something. I don't know.
- 12 O. Did you attend any meetings prior to the
- 13 bankruptcy at which the postpetition financing was
- 14 discussed?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 16 question.
- 17 A. I may have. I don't recall. I was not
- involved in the intensive negotiations.
- 19 O. How do you know there were intensive
- 20 negotiations?
- 21 A. Well, I'm sorry. I was not involved --
- 22 I don't know. I'm sorry.
- Q. Did someone report to you, someone at
- Polaroid, as to the existence of negotiations

- between Polaroid and Chase? 1
- Yes. Α. 2
- Who was that? Q. 3
- Andra Bolotin, Bill Flaherty. Α. 4
- Over what period of time prior to the Ο. 5
- bankruptcy did they report to you on that subject? 6
- I don't recall specifically. A. 7
- In the thirty to sixty days before the 0. 8
- bankruptcy filing, did they report to you as to the 9
- status of their negotiations with Chase? 10
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 17
- question. 12
- I don't recall the time frame of when the A. 13
- negotiations commenced. 14
- Negotiations concerning the DIP financing? Ο. 15
- Yes. Α. 16
- What were you told about those Q. 17
- negotiations? 18
- MR. SAUNDERS: Mr. Goldman, I instruct you 19
- that to the extent people at Polaroid told you 20
- things that you understood to be for the purpose of 21
- enabling you as general counsel to provide legal 22
- advice, to exclude those from your answer. 23
- THE WITNESS: Repeat the question, please. 24

- (The reporter read the pending question.) 1
- Basically I was getting a status report of Α. 2
- how they were going. 3
- Over what period of time were you getting Q. 4
- this status report? 5
- While the negotiations were taking place. 6
- During the period of the negotiations. 7
- Do you have a recollection as to whether 8
- or not this was more or less than a thirty-day 9
- period? 10
- No, I don't. Α. 11
- Did anyone indicate to you whether or not Q. 12
- the subject of retiree medical costs came up in 13
- these negotiations? 14
- Can you repeat that, please. THE WITNESS: 15
- (The reporter read the question.) 16
- No. Α. 17
- Did anyone indicate to you that the banks, Q. 18
- I'm sorry, that Chase had indicated an unhappiness 19
- about the expense level at Polaroid? 20
- Yes. Α. 21
- And who indicated to you information on 22 Q.
- that subject? 23
- I believe it was Andra Bolotin. Α. 24

- Q. What did she say to you on that?
- 2 A. I believe she said that the bank thought
- our expenses going forward -- that our expenses were
- 4 too high.
- 5 Q. Well, this was in the context of a DIP
- 6 budget. Isn't that right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So her negotiations were with the bank as
- 9 it related to the bank's willingness or
- unwillingness to fund Polaroid in a Chapter 11. Is
- 11 that right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Just so it's clear, Polaroid was
- negotiating with Chase the terms under which Chase
- would fund Polaroid in a Chapter 11. Isn't that
- 16 right?
- 17 A. We were negotiating the terms of the DIP
- 18 financing arrangement.
- 19 Q. And you were told that Chase indicated
- that the expenses that Polaroid was proposing in its
- 21 budget were too high. Isn't that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And those expenses that Polaroid was
- 24 proposing initially included retiree medical

- 1 expenses. Isn't that correct?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. You don't know?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Do you have a belief, sir, as to whether
- 6 or not the initial budgets that Polaroid was
- 7 providing to Chase in connection with DIP financing,
- 8 whether or not those budgets included retiree
- 9 medical expenses?
- 10 A. The first budget?
- 11 Q. Yes, the initial DIP budgets.
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 0. Do you have a belief, sir, as to whether
- or not those initial budgets had a retiree medical
- 15 expense item?
- 16 A. Is a belief different than an assumption?
- O. Do you have an assumption, sir?
- 18 A. My assumption is it was included. I don't
- 19 know if it was included.
- 20 Q. Your assumption is? I'm sorry.
- 21 A. My assumption is retiree medical was
- included. I don't know that it was included.
- Q. And why do you assume it was included?
- A. Because the company was reluctant to

- terminate those benefits. 1
- And why was the company reluctant to Ο. 2
- terminate those retiree benefits? 3
- Because we wanted to continue benefits to Α. 4
- former employees. 5
- MR. GREENBERG: Now, the initial draft DIP 6
- budgets that were submitted to Chase Bank, have 7
- those been produced? Do you know? Я
- MR. GALARDI: I don't know. 9
- MR. GREENBERG: Well, obviously we would 10
- like them. 11
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 12
- Do you have any understanding as to how Ο. 13
- many different revised DIP budgets were produced by 14
- Polaroid? 15
- I don't. Α. 16
- Was there an attorney who would have any Q. 17
- involvement in the negotiations on the DIP budgets? 18
- There was an attorney who was supporting Α. 19
- -- I don't know if an attorney was involved in the 2.0
- negotiations of the budget. I don't think so. 21
- In terms of the medical benefits that 22
- retirees were being provided, they paid a percentage 23
- Isn't that right? The retirees did. of the cost. 24

- When? Α. 1
- Prior to it being terminated. Q. 2
- Yes. Α. 3
- Now, how did Polaroid get that money? How 0. 4
- was that payment made? Did retirees pay it directly 5
- to the insurance company? Did they pay it to 6
- Polaroid? How was it collected from those retirees? 7
- I don't know. I don't know how. I 8
- believe we paid it directly to the carriers, but I 9
- don't know. 10
- Who paid it directly to the carriers? Ο. 33
- The company. Α. 12
- Paid a hundred percent of it? Ο. 13
- No, no, paid whatever wasn't subsidized. Α. 14
- The retiree paid a portion and the company paid a 15
- portion. 16
- So the retiree would pay it directly to Ο. 17
- the insurance company. Is that right? 18
- That's my belief, yes. Α. 19
- When would Polaroid make its payment? 2.0 Q.
- other words, would it make it monthly in advance? 21
- Would it make it monthly in arrears? When would it 22
- make its payment? 23
- I believe it was in advance. I don't know Α. 24

- whether it was monthly or quarterly. 1
- But Polaroid would pay at the beginning of 2
- the month for the end of the month? I'm sorry. 3
- cover that month. Is that right? 4
- The period. I don't know whether it was a Α. 5
- monthly payment or quarterly payment, but I believe 6
- it was paid in advance. 7
- And did Polaroid make the medical 8
- insurance payment for retirees at the beginning of 9
- October 2001 to cover the month of October? 10
- I don't know. Α. 11
- Well, who would know? 0. 12
- Mary Kelly would know. Α. 13
- Let me just ask you something: Was one of Q. 14
- the providers Harvard Pilgrim for retirees? 15
- I believe so. Α. 16
- I was looking at your payment to creditors 0. 17
- schedule and it showed a payment to Harvard Pilgrim 18
- dated October 1, 2001, of \$543,295.18, and I'll just 19
- show you that. Was any portion of that payment to 20
- cover retiree medical benefits for the month of 21
- October? 22
- I don't know. Α. 23
- Well, you do know that you told all Q. 24

- 1 retirees sometime in October that their medical
- 2 benefits had been terminated retroactively to
- 3 October 1. Isn't that correct?
- 4 A. No, I don't know that.
- 5 Q. Did you at any point in time inform
- 6 retirees that their medical benefits were being
- 7 terminated?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How did you do that?
- 10 A. There was a mailing to retirees.
- 11 Q. And when was the effective date of that
- 12 termination?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- Q. So sitting here today you don't know
- whether or not in fact Polaroid paid for insurance
- benefits for retirees for the month of October 2001?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- Q. At any point in time after the bankruptcy
- was filed, did you ever investigate whether or not
- 20 payment had been made?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Did anyone at Polaroid ever try to get a
- refund from any of the insurance companies with
- 24 respect to any payments that had been made?

- A. I believe so, but I'm not sure.
- Q. I'm sorry?
- A. I believe so, but I'm not sure.
- 4 Q. What do you believe happened?
- 5 A. I believe there was -- I recall a
- 6 discussion about a prepayment of benefits and some
- 7 adjustment, but I don't recall the specifics.
- 8 Q. Who do you recall that discussion
- 9 involving?
- 10 A. Mary Kelly and Louise Cavanaugh.
- Q. When did that discussion take place?
- 12 A. I'm not sure. October, November,
- 13 December. I don't know.
- Q. Who raised that subject with you?
- 15 A. Either Louise Cavanaugh or Mary Kelly. I
- 16 don't remember.
- 17 Q. Did Polaroid ever get a refund?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. Did anyone from Polaroid ever tell the
- 20 retirees that the payment for the month of October
- 21 2001 had been made by Polaroid?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. Besides Harvard Pilgrim or Harvard
- 24 Community Health, was there any other insurance

- 1 company, insurance provider that Polaroid subsidized
- 2 for retirees prior to the bankruptcy filing?
- 3 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 4 question.
- A. I believe we subsidized whatever carriers,
- 6 whatever choices retirees had.
- Q. But, if I understand your testimony, you
- 8 believe that Polaroid paid its portion of the
- 9 October 2001 premium payment for the various
- insurance providers for retirees?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Objection to the form of
- 12 the question.
- 13 A. I don't think that's what I said. What I
- 14 said was I believe that payments were made in
- advance, not in arrears. I don't have specific
- 16 knowledge of October 2001.
- 17 Q. But you do recall discussing the
- 18 possibility of trying to get a refund?
- 19 A. I have a recollection of a conversation.
- 20 I don't recall the details.
- MR. GREENBERG: Can I mark as the next
- exhibit a letter dated October 9, 2001.
- 23 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 3 marked for
- 24 identification.)

- BY MR. GREENBERG: 1
- Mr. Goldman, do you recognize this Q. 2
- document? 3
- Yes. Α. 4
- Excluding the handwriting, is this the Ο. 5
- letter you sent notifying retirees that their 6
- benefits had been terminated? 7
- Yes. Α. 8
- When did you sign this letter, if you did? Ο. 9
- Well, it's an electronic signature. Α. 10
- When was the first time you saw this Q. 11
- letter? 12
- I don't recall. Α. 13
- Did you see it before October 9? Q. 14
- Yes. Α. 15
- You saw it prior to October 9? Q. 16
- Yes. A. 17
- Did you see it prior to October 8? Q. 18
- I don't recall. Α. 19
- Now, this says "Regrettably, we must Q. 20
- terminate the plans immediately." Do you see that? 21
- Yes. Α. 22
- If I understand your testimony, previously 23
- when Polaroid made any changes in retiree benefits, 24

- it would give retirees some advance notice. 1
- your recollection. Is that correct? 2
- Α. No. 3
- That's not your recollection? Ο. 4
- No. Α. 5
- Had Polaroid implemented changes in Q. 6
- retiree benefits without giving advance notice in 7
- the past? 8
- I don't know. Α. 9
- Now, on October 9 you were aware that Q. 10
- Polaroid had already paid for -- Strike that. On 11
- October 9 Polaroid was aware it had already paid for 12
- retiree medical benefits for the month of October? 13
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 14
- question. 15
- Is that a question? Α. 16
- Isn't that a correct statement? Q. 17
- Can you repeat it? Α. 18
- I'll rephrase the question. Q. 19
- Why didn't you just tell retirees that 20
- we're going to terminate effective November 1 or 21
- October 31 since Polaroid had already paid the 22
- premiums? 23
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 24

- 1 question.
- 2 A. We didn't have money in the budget going
- 3 forward to pay for these benefits.
- 4 O. Which budget?
- 5 A. The DIP budget.
- 6 0. The final one that the bank had agreed to
- 7 fund. Is that right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. The earlier one, the initial one, did have
- 10 money but the final one that the bank agreed to fund
- 11 didn't have it. Is that right?
- 12 A. I didn't say that. You asked me what I
- assumed was in the initial DIP budget and I told
- 14 you. I didn't see the initial DIP budget.
- Q. But why didn't you simply tell retirees
- that we're going to terminate these plans effective
- October 31 since you'd already paid October?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 19 question.
- 20 A. We made a decision that it was in the best
- 21 interests of the company to terminate the plan
- 22 effective immediately.
- Q. Well, what about your responsibilities as
- 24 a fiduciary to the retirees? Did you consider that

- 1 at all in your decision?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 3 question.
- 4 A. I was not acting as a fiduciary or the
- 5 plan administrator in terminating this plan.
- Q. And when you say you viewed it was in the
- 7 best interests of the company to do a termination
- 8 effective immediately as opposed to at the end of
- 9 October, why did you believe an immediate
- 10' termination was better than a termination the end of
- 11 October?
- 12 A. We believed that the company going forward
- as a Chapter 11 entity had to dramatically reduce
- its costs immediately, and this was one decision
- 15 that we took immediately.
- 16 Q. Were you concerned that if the termination
- 17 took place after the Chapter 11 was filed, that
- 18 retirees might have greater rights?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Hold on just a minute.
- 20 (Pause) Read the question back.
- 21 (The reporter read the question.)
- THE WITNESS: Can I confer with counsel on
- 23 privilege?
- MR. GREENBERG: Sure.

80 (Mr. Saunders, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Galardi 1 and the deponent left the room and returned 2 shortly.) 3 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the question, 4 5 please? MR. GREENBERG: Sure. Would you read it 6 back. 7 (The reporter read back as follows: 8 "Question: Were you concerned that if the 9 termination took place after the Chapter 11 was 1.0 filed, that retirees might have greater 11 rights?") 12 MR. SAUNDERS: Mr. Goldman, I'm going to 1.3 instruct you that you can testify about whether or 14 not there were legal considerations that were a 15 factor in any decision you were a part of making, 16 but I will instruct you not to disclose what the 17 legal considerations were or what kinds of questions 18 you asked to counsel and what responses you got from 19 counsel on the basis of attorney-client privilege. 20 So I think that with respect to that 21 question as it has been asked, I would instruct you 22 not to answer. 23 BY MR. GREENBERG: 24

- Q. Were there legal considerations for making
- 2 the termination of retiree benefits effective
- 3 immediately as opposed to making them effective as
- 4 of the end of October?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And were those legal considerations
- 7 matters that you received advice on from outside
- 8 counsel?
- 9 MR. SAUNDERS: You can answer that yes,
- no, "I don't know," "I don't recall."
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And from whom did you receive advice on
- 13 that subject?
- 14 A. Gary Ford, David Kurtz and Gregg Galardi.
- 15 Q. Now, when did you first learn that a
- decision had been made at Polaroid to terminate
- 17 retiree medical benefits?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 19 question.
- MR. GREENBERG: I'll rephrase it. Good
- 21 objection.
- 22 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. At some point in time did you learn that a
- decision had been made at Polaroid to eliminate

- 1 retiree medical benefits?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. When?
- A. At the board meeting of October 9, 2001.
- 5 Q. And when did that take place? What time
- of day did that board meeting take place?
- 7 A. I don't recall.
- 8 O. Was it morning, afternoon, evening?
- A. It should be reflected in the minutes.
- 10 I don't recall.
- MR. GREENBERG: Well, let me show you a
- document that is identified as minutes of board of
- directors, Polaroid Corporation, October 9, 2001.
- 14 Actually, we can mark that as Exhibit 4.
- 15 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 4 marked for
- 16 identification.)
- 17 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 18 Q. It says a telephonic meeting of the board
- of directors of Polaroid Corporation was held on
- October 9, 2001. The meeting was called to order at
- 5:00 o'clock p.m. You drafted these minutes?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Let me just go back to one thing I'm
- curious about. Exhibit 3, which is your letter to

- retirees, is dated October 9, 2001. Was this letter
- done before the board actually had its telephonic
- 3 meeting?
- 4 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 5 question.
- 6 A. The drafting of the letter was probably
- 7 started prior to October 9, 2001.
- 8 O. When was it started?
- 9 A. I don't recall.
- 10 Q. Who drafted it?
- 11 A. I don't know specifically who drafted it.
- 12 Q. Did you participate in the drafting of it?
- 13 A. No. I saw a draft.
- Q. Did you comment on the draft?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. What were your comments?
- 17 A. I don't recall. I marked it up.
- 18 Q. The draft you saw, did it make the
- termination of benefits effective immediately?
- 20 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you see a draft prior to October 9?
- 22 A. I believe so.
- Q. How many days prior to October 9 did you
- 24 see a draft?

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Was it more than one day before?
- 3 A. Probably.
- Q. Was it more than two days before?
- 5 A. Maybe.
- Q. Was it more than a week before?
- 7 A. I don't think so.
- 8 Q. Did you see more than one draft?
- 9 A. I don't recall.
- 10 Q. Who presented you with a draft?
- 11 A. Either Mary Kelly or Louise Cavanaugh.
- Q. Now, what happened on October 9 at this
- 13 board meeting on the subject of retiree benefits?
- Was anything discussed on that subject?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How long did that telephonic meeting last?
- 17 A. An hour and ten minutes.
- 0. And was the subject of a Chapter 11 filing
- 19 discussed also?
- 20 A. I believe it was.
- Q. Was the filing authorized at that meeting?
- 22 A. I believe it was.
- Q. It says on Exhibit 4, the second page,
- 24 Retiree Medical and Life Insurance. It says that

- 1 "Mr. Flaherty led a discussion regarding the
- 2 company's financial commitments under the retiree
- 3 medical plan and retiree life insurance plan." Do
- 4 you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And then it says "After a full and
- 7 complete discussion of these plans." Who spoke on
- 8 that subject besides Mr. Flaherty?
- 9 A. I don't recall specifically. Some of the
- 10 directors. There was an exchange with some of the
- 11 directors.
- 12 Q. Which directors spoke?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- 14 Q. Was there any explanation as to the
- implications of terminating these plans before a
- 16 bankruptcy was filed?
- 17 A. I don't recall.
- 18 O. Was the DIP budget discussed at that
- 19 meeting, this telephonic meeting?
- 20 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Had the DIP budget been finalized as of
- this telephonic meeting?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- Q. What was said on the subject of whether or

- not to terminate the retiree medical plan and
- 2 retiree life insurance plan?
- A. There was a discussion of the --
- 4 MR. SAUNDERS: Hold on a second.
- 5 Mr. Goldman, let me instruct you to exclude from
- 6 your answer any discussion of legal advice.
- 7 A. There was a discussion of the cost of the
- 8 program, of the need for an operating budget, the
- 9 need to cut expenses. Mr. Flaherty presented the
- 10 costs, and I believe there may have been advice
- 11 given by David Kurtz as well.
- 12 Q. On what subject?
- 13 A. On the termination of retiree medical
- 14 benefits and life insurance.
- Q. Was that advice also in the context of a
- 16 Chapter 11 filing?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 18 question.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the question,
- 20 please?
- 21 (The reporter read the pending question.)
- 22 A. No. The advice to the directors was with
- 23 respect to the termination under the plan.
- Q. Did anyone advise Polaroid that it had a

- right to terminate effective immediately on October
- 9, 2001, the retiree health plan and life insurance
- 3 plan?
- 4 MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer.
- 5 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 6 Q. Did anyone at Polaroid or on behalf of
- 7 Polaroid investigate prior to October 9, 2001,
- 8 whether or not Polaroid had a right to terminate
- 9 effective immediately the retiree health plan and
- 10 retiree life insurance plan?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 12 question. You can answer it yes, no, "I don't
- know, " "I don't recall, " Mr. Goldman.
- 14 A. I don't understand. Did they investigate?
- 15 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. Repeat the question.
- 17 (The reporter read back as follows:
- 18 "Question: Did anyone advise Polaroid
- that it had a right to terminate effective
- immediately on October 9, 2001, the retiree
- 21 health plan and life insurance plan?")
- MR. SAUNDERS: Same objection and
- 23 instruction.
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Who?
- 2 A. Louise Cavanaugh.
- Q. When did she undertake that investigation?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Did she ever report to you on the results
- 6 of that?
- 7 MR. SAUNDERS: Answer that yes, no, "I
- 8 don't know," "I don't recall."
- 9 A. I wouldn't characterize it as an
- investigation. She provided advice on the plan.
- 11 Q. What was her advice?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer.
- BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Was her advice in writing?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Now, did Polaroid ever advise the service
- providers that the plan was being terminated?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. When was that notice given?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- O. Was it before or after after October 9?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who was responsible for providing that
- 24 notice?

- 1 A. I think Mary Kelly.
- 2 O. Did the service provider contracts require
- 3 a specified advance notice to be given?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 MR. GREENBERG: Let me just show you a
- document which is entitled Account Agreement Entered
- 7 Into with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
- 8 Massachusetts, and let's mark that as Exhibit 5.
- 9 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 5 marked for
- 10 identification.)
- MR. TORMEY: What document is this?
- MR. GREENBERG: It's an account agreement
- 13 between Blue Cross/Blue Shield --
- MR. TORMEY: Account agreement?
- 15 MR. GREENBERG: Account agreement. -- and
- 16 Polaroid.
- 17 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 18 O. This is a document that Polaroid's counsel
- 19 I believe produced in connection with this matter,
- 20 sir. There is a reference on page 4 dealing with
- 21 termination of the agreement and it says that this
- 22 agreement may also be terminated for any reason by
- 23 either party on any date upon thirty days' prior
- written notice to the other. Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Was any such notice given by Polaroid to
- 3 Blue Cross?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Was notice given prior to October 9?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- 7 Q. So you don't know whether or not Polaroid
- 8 has ever in fact complied with this notice
- 9 provision?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 12 question.
- 13 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 0. Other than yourself, who would know?
- 15 A. Mary Kelly I believe would know.
- 16 Q. After the meeting on October 9, 2001,
- after the board meeting, did you give instructions
- 18 to anyone with respect to effectuating this
- 19 termination?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Who did you give instructions to?
- 22 A. Louise Cavanaugh.
- Q. What did you tell her?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Let me instruct you to

- 1 exclude from your answer any discussion of legal
- 2 advice. To the extent that you gave other
- instruction to Ms. Cavanaugh, you can testify about
- 4 that. But to the extent it was a discussion of
- 5 legal issues, you should avoid that.
- A. I asked her to work with the benefits
- 7 department to carry out the intent and purposes of
- 8 the --
- 9 Q. And what did she do if anything?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Did she ever report to you on whether or
- not she effectuated the termination?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. So sitting here today you don't know
- 15 whether or not she did?
- 16 A. No.
- MR. GREENBERG: Let me just show you a
- 18 document entitled The Polaroid Retiree Medical Plan
- 19 Effective October 9, 2001. Will you mark that as
- 20 Exhibit 6.
- 21 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 6 marked for
- 22 identification.)
- BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Exhibit 6, look at the last page, I ask

- 1 you if you recognize that signature.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Whose is it?
- 4 A. It's my signature.
- Q. When did you sign this document?
- A. I don't recall when I signed this
- 7 document.
- 8 Q. Is it your practice not to date documents
- 9 that you sign?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Your practice is to date documents, isn't
- 12 it?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. You don't know when you signed this.
- Where were you when you signed the document?
- 16 A. I don't know. Probably in my office.
- 17 O. Who prepared this document?
- 18 A. Louise Cavanaugh.
- 19 Q. Did she give it to you to sign?
- 20 A. I don't recall her giving it to me to
- 21 sign. Somebody gave it to me to sign.
- Q. Well, how do you know she prepared it?
- 23 A. Because she's responsible for reviewing
- 24 and preparing these kinds of documents.

- 1 0. What was this document intended to
- 2 accomplish, if you know?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 4 question.
- 5 A. (Pause) The purpose of the document is to
- 6 set out the terms of the retiree medical plan
- 7 effective October 9, 2001.
- 8 Q. The purpose was to terminate the plan.
- 9 Isn't that right?
- 10 A. The plan was terminated upon the board's
- 11 action.
- 12 Q. When did you sign this document? Did you
- sign this document before or after the board meeting
- on October 9?
- 15 A. I don't recall when I signed this
- 16 document.
- 17 Q. Did you sign it after the Chapter 11 was
- 18 filed?
- 19 A. I don't recall when I signed this
- 20 document.
- Q. So you may have signed it after the
- 22 Chapter 11 was filed, you just don't know?
- 23 A. I don't recall when I signed this
- 24 document.

- 1 O. The board minutes also refer to
- 2 terminating a retiree life insurance plan.
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. Did you sign any document reflecting that
- 5 the retirees' life insurance plan was terminated?
- 6 A. I don't recall.
- 7 O. You don't recall ever signing such a
- 8 document?
- 9 A. I don't recall.
- 10 Q. Well, I mean, we haven't seen such a
- 11 document and if one existed, you certainly would
- have provided it to us. Right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. So sitting here today you have no
- knowledge of ever having signed a restated retiree
- life insurance plan terminating the life insurance
- 17 plan?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Would you read that back,
- 19 please.
- 20 (The reporter read the question.)
- 21 A. I have no recollection of signing a
- document regarding changes to the medical plan
- effective October 9, 2001.
- Q. I'm asking about the life insurance plan.

- 1 A. I'm sorry. The life insurance plan.
- MR. GREENBERG: Let me mark, if I can,
- 3 what we understand to be the last Polaroid retiree
- 4 group life insurance plan amended effective January
- 5 1, 1990. Can we mark that as the next exhibit.
- 6 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 7 marked for
- 7 identification.)
- 8 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 9 Q. Mr. Goldman, let me show you what has been
- marked as Exhibit 7 and ask you: Did you ever sign
- 11 a Polaroid retiree group life insurance plan
- effective October 9, 2001?
- 13 A. I don't recall signing one.
- Q. Did the fact that you didn't sign one come
- to your attention at any point before today?
- 16 A. No.
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 18 question.
- 19 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Now, the life insurance plan, the provider
- 21 for the life insurance was what company?
- 22 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Was it John Hancock?
- 24 A. I don't recall.

- 1 Q. Did Polaroid ever notify the life
- 2 insurance provider for retiree life insurance that
- 3 the plan had been terminated?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Did you instruct someone to take action on
- 6 that subject?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 O. So, if I understand, you are not aware of
- 9 whether or not any notice was ever sent to John
- 10 Hancock concerning the termination of the life
- 11 insurance?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Who would know whether or not that notice
- 14 was sent?
- 15 A. I believe Mary Kelly would know.
- 16 Q. And if she had sent such a notice, you
- 17 would expect it would have been in writing. Right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Prior to October 9, were you aware that
- 20 the termination of retiree benefits was going to be
- 21 the subject of the board meeting?
- 22 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 23 question.
- 24 A. Yes.

- Q. Was there an agenda prepared in connection
- 2 with that meeting?
- A. I don't think so, no.
- Q. When did you become aware that the October
- 5 9 meeting, one of the subjects was the termination
- of the retiree benefits?
- 7 A. I don't recall specifically.
- O. Was it a few days before or longer?
- 9 A. It wasn't longer. It was at most a few
- 10 days.
- 11 O. And how did you learn that?
- 12 A. How did I learn? We were requesting board
- action. One of the items that we were requesting
- 14 action on was the retiree plan. A couple of days
- before or a day before -- I don't know specifically
- when -- we finalized the agenda; that's when we
- decided we would take it to the board.
- 18 O. The we is whom?
- 19 A. I'm sorry. Gary DiCamillo and me.
- Q. The two of you made the decision to make
- 21 this recommendation to the board of directors. Is
- 22 that right?
- 23 A. Yes. Bill Flaherty may have been
- 24 involved. I don't recall. I think he was,

- 1 actually.
- Q. Just so I'm clear, it was Mr. Flaherty,
- 3 Mr. DiCamillo and yourself who made the decision
- 4 that you were going to recommend to the board the
- 5 elimination of retiree benefits. Is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. And when was that decision made that you
- 8 were going to make that recommendation?
- 9 A. I don't recall specifically. It was very
- 10 close to the time of the meeting.
- Q. Was the October 9 meeting a regularly
- scheduled board meeting?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Did you, Mr. DiCamillo and Mr. Flaherty
- have some meeting in early October in which you
- 16 agreed on this recommendation?
- 17 A. I believe we did. I don't -- I can't
- 18 exactly place the meeting, but we had a discussion
- 19 about the subject.
- 20 Q. When?
- 21 A. Prior to the board meeting.
- Q. How much prior to the board meeting?
- 23 A. I don't recall specifically.
- Q. Was it a matter of days?

- 1 A. I don't know.
- 2 MR. SAUNDERS: If you're moving into a new
- 3 area, can we take a break?
- 4 MR. GREENBERG: Sure.
- 5 (Discussion off the record.)
- 6 (In recess 12:18 p.m. to 12:27 p.m.)
- 7 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Was there a practice over the years at
- 9 Polaroid that allowed employees who were being
- notified that their position was going to be
- 11 eliminated to try to find another position within
- 12 Polaroid?
- 13 A. I believe there was.
- 14 Q. And what was that practice?
- 15 A. Well, I don't know specifically. I
- believe that employees were encouraged to look at
- 17 the job postings that were available within the
- 18 company and if they were interested in applying for
- them, they should do that. My understanding is the
- 20 company posts job openings.
- Q. And for how long had the practice of
- 22 allowing employees that had been notified their
- 23 position was going to be eliminated to try to find
- other positions within the company, how long was

- that policy or practice, rather, in place at
- 2 Polaroid?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- Q. Was it in place during the years that you
- 5 worked there?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. At any point in time prior to October 12,
- 8 did you advise employees at Polaroid that the
- 9 company was going to be filing a Chapter 11
- 10 proceeding?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. At any point prior to October 9, 2001, did
- you advise retirees that their benefits were going
- 14 to be terminated?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 O. At any point in calendar 2001 prior to
- October 9, did you ever advise retirees that their
- 18 benefits might be terminated?
- 19 MR. SAUNDERS: Objection to the form of
- 20 the question.
- 21 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 22 O. And I'm asking you, Neal Goldman, in your
- 23 capacity as an employee of Polaroid or in your
- 24 capacity as a plan fiduciary.

- 1 MR. GALARDI: Excuse me. Could you read
- 2 the question back? I couldn't hear it.
- MR. GREENBERG: Let me rephrase it.
- 4 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 5 Q. In your capacity as a plan fiduciary and
- 6 also in your capacity as an employee of Polaroid --
- 7 A. Can you ask me two separate questions?
- 8 Q. Sure. In your capacity as a plan
- 9 fiduciary, did you between January 1, 2001, and
- October 9, 2001, ever advise Polaroid retirees that
- 11 their benefits might be terminated?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. In your capacity as an employee of
- Polaroid between January 1, 2001, and October 9,
- 15 2001, did you ever advise retirees in writing that
- their benefits might be terminated?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Did you ever advise retirees verbally that
- their benefits might be terminated?
- 20 A. Not to my recollection, no.
- 21 Q. Did you oppose the decision to terminate
- 22 retiree benefits?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 24 question.

- 1 O. The board of directors' decision. Did you
- 2 speak against it?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. When you said you spoke with --
- 5 A. I'm sorry. You're talking at the board
- 6 meeting?
- 7 O. I'll break it down. First of all, on
- 8 October 9 at the board meeting did you speak against
- 9 eliminating the retiree benefits?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 O. Now, you said before that you had a
- meeting with Mr. Flaherty and Mr. DiCamillo at which
- the decision was made prior to October 9 to present
- to the board a recommendation to eliminate retiree
- 15 benefits. Isn't that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Was that recommendation unanimous? You,
- 18 Mr. DiCamillo and Mr. Flaherty all agreed that you
- 19 were going to make that recommendation?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. During your discussion with Mr. Flaherty
- 22 and Mr. DiCamillo in which you agreed to make that
- recommendation, did you speak against eliminating
- 24 retiree benefits?

- 1 A. I'm having trouble with the form of the
- 2 question. There was a discussion about the
- 3 implications of doing it, what it would mean, and
- 4 there was a general discussion. I don't know that I
- 5 can say anybody spoke against it. People expressed
- 6 concern about the impact on retirees but we felt
- 7 that because of the financial constraints the
- 8 company had, this was something that had to be done.
- 9 Q. And this is the meeting between you,
- 10 Mr. DiCamillo and Mr. Flaherty?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What was discussed on the implications?
- 13 A. Well, we were clearly concerned with the
- 14 financial impact it would have on retirees.
- 15 Q. That was discussed?
- 16 A. Yes, and everybody -- I think all three of
- us felt badly about that.
- Q. What about the fact that some retirees
- might actually be in the hospital or might have made
- 20 plans to undergo surgery in reliance upon these
- 21 benefits? Was that discussed?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Was there any concern discussed about
- 24 giving retirees advance notice?

1	Α.	Yes.

- Q. What was said on that subject?
- 3 MR. SAUNDERS: I am going to instruct you
- 4 to exclude from your answer discussion of legal
- 5 considerations or legal advice, if any.
- 6 A. The question that was discussed was the
- 7 financial impact of continuing benefits. We knew it
- 8 was over a million dollars a month and we thought
- 9 under the circumstances that immediate action needed
- 10 to be taken.
- 11 Q. When you say immediate action, you decided
- that you couldn't give these retirees even thirty
- days' notice that their benefits were going to be
- eliminated. That's what the decision was?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 16 question.
- 17 A. No, I don't think we made the decision on
- 18 that basis.
- 19 Q. Well, you said it was a financial
- 20 consideration. Is that right?
- 21 A. That's right.
- Q. At the time Polaroid had already paid the
- 23 benefits through October. Isn't that right?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to form.

- I don't know. Α. 1
- Isn't it true that the only reason the 2 Ο.
- benefits were terminated immediately was because of 3
- legal considerations? 4
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 5
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 6
- Isn't it correct that the reason no 7
- advance notice was given retirees was because of the 8
- concerns Polaroid had that if those benefits existed 9
- post-Chapter 11 filing? 10
- MR. SAUNDERS: Are you finished? 11
- MR. GREENBERG: Yes. 12
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 13
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 14
- Was there any attempt to persuade Chase to 15
- fund an amount of money in the DIP to cover retiree 16
- benefits for a period of time? 17
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 18
- question. 19
- I don't know. Α. 20
- Was that something you inquired into? 21 Q.
- Α. No. 22
- In your capacity as a trustee and a 23
- fiduciary for the retirees, what did you do in 24

- 1 September or October to try to protect the retirees?
- 2 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 3 question.
- 4 A. The responsibility of the plan
- 5 administrator is to administer a plan. The plan
- 6 administrator administered the plan that was in
- 7 effect at the time.
- 8 Q. But you knew you were a fiduciary to the
- 9 retirees under the plan documents. Right?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. And you knew you had a duty to look out
- for the interests of retirees as it related to their
- 13 rights under the plan. Correct?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 15 question.
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Does the plan have insurance, liability
- 18 insurance to cover the fiduciaries?
- 19 A. I believe it does. I'm not sure.
- Q. Is that policy paid for by Polaroid?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And that policy still is in effect?
- 23 A. I believe it is.
- Q. Has any notice been given to the insurance

- company as to potential liability that the plan
- 2 fiduciaries may have to retirees?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 4 question.
- A. I'm not aware of a notice having been
- 6 given.
- 7 Q. Can you just tell me if you did anything
- 8 in September, October, August, July of 2001 to try
- 9 to protect the interest of the retirees?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 11 question.
- A. I don't recall specific actions taken by
- 13 the plan administrator in that time frame.
- Q. Well, the plan administrator was you.
- 15 A. No, it was a committee. I was the
- 16 chairman of the plan administrator.
- 0. You were the chairman of --
- 18 A. Met by committee.
- 19 Q. Every member of the committee was a
- 20 fiduciary. Right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Did the committee, for example, say to
- Mr. DiCamillo or Mr. Flaherty "We can't do this, we
- 24 can't eliminate these plans immediately without

- giving these retirees notice"? 1
- I am not aware that they knew this Α. 2
- discussion was taking place. 3
- Well, did you tell the committee members Q. 4
- in October that this discussion was taking place? 5
- No. Α. 6
- When did you tell the committee members Q. 7
- that a decision had been made to terminate the plan? 8
- They received notice on -- This was public Α. 9
- knowledge within the company on October 9. 10
- So prior to sending out the letter on Ο. 11
- October 9 -- Strike that. What was public knowledge 12
- on October 9? 13
- I believe that we did -- I shouldn't say 14
- public knowledge. I believe that when we did this 15
- notice to retirees, I believe we published something 16
- internally in the company. That's my recollection. 17
- What did you publish internally? Ο. 18
- I don't remember. Α. 19
- What was the date of it? Ο. 20
- I don't remember. Α. 21
- As chairman of the committee, did you make Ο. 2.2
- any effort to convince Mr. Flaherty or Mr. DiCamillo 23
- or the board that they should not terminate retiree 24

- 1 benefits?
- 2 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 3 question.
- 4 A. Not in that capacity, no.
- 5 Q. I'm sorry?
- 6 A. Not in that capacity, no.
- 7 Q. In any capacity, did you make any attempt
- 8 to get them to maintain retiree benefits?
- 9 A. We presented to the board our financial
- 10 situation and the options available. The board made
- 11 the decision to terminate.
- 12 Q. Was one of the options available to
- continue the retirement benefits for retirees?
- 14 A. I suppose the board could have continued
- the benefits to retirees.
- Q. Sir, on October 9 you made a presentation
- 17 to the board of directors.
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. You said you gave the board options. Is
- 20 that right?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 22 question.
- A. No. I believe what I said earlier was
- that there was a recommendation to terminate retiree

- 1 medical benefits.
- Q. Did you provide the board with an option
- 3 to maintain those benefits?
- 4 A. At that meeting? No.
- 5 Q. In September did you provide that option?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. What steps, if any, did you take in any
- 8 capacity to provide retirees with advance notice
- 9 that their benefits would be terminated?
- 10 A. I am not aware of any steps we took to do
- 11 that.
- Q. Why not?
- 13 A. Because we didn't make the decision until
- October 9. At the same time we were negotiating a
- 15 budget with the banks and trying to make decisions
- 16 about what money we had available.
- Q. Well, when you say what money you had
- available, let me just mark, if I can, because I was
- 19 actually curious, this document entitled -- Let me
- just back up. If I understand, it was Polaroid's
- 21 position and your position that you couldn't afford
- the \$15 million a year or so it would cost to
- 23 maintain retiree benefits. Is that right?
- 24 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And it was in that context that Polaroid
- 2 claims it decided it was going to eliminate those
- 3 benefits. Is that right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 MR. GREENBERG: Let's mark, if we can, as
- 6 the next exhibit a Statement of Financial Affairs of
- 7 Polaroid Corporation.
- 8 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 8 marked for
- 9 identification.)
- 10 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 11 Q. Were you involved in the preparation of
- 12 Polaroid's schedule filed in the bankruptcy?
- 13 A. No, I reviewed some of it. I did not
- 14 prepare it.
- 15 Q. Did I just misread this or did your salary
- 16 actually get increased in calendar 2001?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 18 question.
- MR. GREENBERG: I'll rephrase it.
- 20 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Mr. Goldman, did you actually receive an
- increase in your salary in 2001 or not?
- 23 A. I can't recall my last pay increase.
- 24 (Mr. Gray entered the room.)

- Q. Well, I mean, I looked at the payments to
- 2 insiders and I saw here wages/earnings, it's
- 3 Schedule 3B, page 17 of 55. And if you look at 17
- 4 and 18, it looked to me as though your salary went
- 5 up, biweekly salary, from \$12,116 to \$13,461
- 6 sometime in July. Is that right?
- 7 A. I think that is right.
- 8 Q. So whatever the financial condition of
- 9 Polaroid -- Strike that.
- Now, on the schedule it indicates on
- payments to creditors Goodwin Procter & Hoar. What
- 12 was their involvement with Polaroid?
- 13 A. They're outside counsel to us. They
- 14 represented the company on various matters.
- 15 Q. Were they involved at all on restructuring
- 16 advice?
- 17 A. I think they were involved in securing
- 18 certain collateral.
- Q. What do you mean by that, securing
- 20 collateral?
- 21 A. We had had negotiations with the banks and
- we had agreed to give certain collateral, secured
- 23 interests in real estate, to lenders and I believe
- they supported us in that effort, did title searches

- 1 and various things.
- Q. And that was in connection with
- 3 restructuring?
- 4 A. It was in connection with -- In a broad
- sense, yes.
- Q. I saw on the payments to creditors also
- Jones Day, a payment on October 4, just a few days
- 8 before the bankruptcy. Was Jones Day involved in
- 9 providing legal services to Polaroid?
- 10 A. Jones Day was providing legal services to
- 11 the CEO, being paid for by the company.
- Q. As it related to what?
- A. Related to his personal situation, his
- 14 contract.
- Q. Why was Polaroid paying for
- Mr. DiCamillo's personal attorney?
- A. Because it was approved by the board.
- Q. Is there a vote that approved that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that vote before or after Jones Day
- 21 was paid?
- 22 A. I believe it was before.
- Q. When was Jones Day retained by
- 24 Mr. DiCamillo?

- 1 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 2. Q. Was it sometime in the summer or after the
- 3 summer of 2001?
- 4 A. I don't recall the specific date.
- 5 Q. But if I understand, at the same time
- 6 Polaroid was having all these financial problems,
- 7 its board authorized to pay Mr. DiCamillo's personal
- 8 counsel. Is that right?
- 9 A. The board authorized the payment to Jones
- Day to give Mr. DiCamillo certain advice, yes.
- 11 Q. What was the advice they were giving him,
- 12 concerning what subject?
- 13 A. I believe it was related to the effects of
- the potential restructuring on Mr. DiCamillo.
- 15 Q. The payments that were made on the eve of
- 16 bankruptcy, the few days before bankruptcy, did you
- submit to the bank, Chase JP Morgan, a schedule of
- 18 the amounts of money that Polaroid intended to pay?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did Polaroid operate with a revolver? Did
- 21 it have a revolving loan with the bank?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Just so I'm clear and the record is clear,
- 24 any cash that Polaroid got in on a given day all

- went to pay down the loan. Is that right?
- 2 A. I don't know. I don't.
- Q. But your understanding is it had a
- 4 revolver?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Now, I see here JP Morgan was paid like on
- October 2nd 1.8 million, 1,840,000-plus dollars.
- 8 What was that in connection with?
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. You just don't know?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who is Keystone Associates?
- 13 A. What page are you on?
- Q. It's on the payments to creditors, 46 of
- 15 88, Schedule 3A. Do you know who that is?
- 16 A. I don't, no.
- Q. Was that a landlord or you just don't
- 18 know?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- Q. I also saw on the next page Peat Marwick
- was paid just a shade under \$300,000 on October 4,
- 22 2001, and also \$50,000 on October 11. That was the
- 23 day before the bankruptcy. Right?
- 24 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. What was that for?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. The bank approved that? Chase approved
- 4 that payment?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- Q. Was Peat Marwick the accountants for
- 7 Polaroid?
- 8 A. KPMG were the accountants for Polaroid.
- 9 Q. I'm sorry. Who is Leo Burnett Company?
- 10 A. Leo Burnett is an advertising agency.
- 11 Q. Used by Polaroid?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. McDermott Will & Emery: Did Polaroid
- retain McDermott Will & Emery? I see them listed as
- 15 a payment in September of 2001.
- 16 A. They did some work for us, yes.
- 17 Q. On what subject? My only concern is, did
- it have anything to do with the restructuring
- 19 advice?
- 20 A. I think it's primarily environmental
- 21 advice.
- Q. McKinsey & Company, I see several payments
- 23 to them.
- 24 A. What page are you on?

- Q. 51 of 88. McKinsey & Company.
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. What did they do for Polaroid?
- 4 A. Consulting.
- 5 Q. On what subject?
- 6 A. Business planning.
- 7 Q. Did they give you advice on restructuring?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. What is Nucam Corporation?
- 10 A. What page?
- 11 Q. 57.
- 12 A. I don't know.
- Q. Have you ever heard that name before?
- A. I believe they're a manufacturer; a
- 15 contract manufacturer, I believe.
- 16 Q. Do they have any affiliation with
- 17 Polaroid?
- 18 A. I don't think so.
- 19 Q. What's Orange County Art?
- A. Where are you?
- Q. Next page.
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. Riemer & Braunstein, a law firm, they did
- 24 work for Polaroid?

- Yes. Α. 1
- Did they do work in connection with the Q. 2
- restructuring? 3
- No. Α. 4
- MR. TORMEY: Would you identify the pages 5
- as you go along? It would be helpful. 6
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 7
- Page 67. I'm sorry. They did work for Q. 8
- Polaroid? 9
- Start again. What's the question? Α. 10
- Riemer & Braunstein, did they perform Q. 11
- legal services for Polaroid? 12
- Yes. Α. 13
- In what subject area? Q. 14
- Primarily on the divestitures of Α. 15
- businesses, sale of businesses. 16
- Who represented JP Morgan Chase? Q. 17
- Davis Polk. Α. 18
- Did Polaroid pay directly or indirectly Q. 19
- the fees that Davis Polk incurred? 20
- When? Α. 21
- Prior to the bankruptcy. Q. 22
- In what period? Α.
- In the period July-August-September-early 23 Q. 24

- October. 1
- I would have to look at the terms, the Α. 2
- terms of the loan agreement to see the reimbursement 3
- provision. 4
- Now, page 72 refers to payments to Simpson 0. 5
- Thacher and Skadden Arps. Were those in connection 6
- with the restructuring advice? 7
- Well, Simpson did a lot of work for us in 8
- addition to restructuring. 9
- But Skadden had to do with the Ο. 10
- restructuring. Is that correct? 11
- Primarily. They picked up other work as Α. 12
- well but, yes, primarily. 13
- What is Zolfo Cooper LLC, page 87? Ο. 14
- They're financial advisers to Polaroid. Α. 15
- What were the services that they rendered? 16 Q.
- They've done work on assisting the company Α. 17
- in creating budgets, in creating cash flow analyses, 18
- advice on restructuring. 19
- They provided restructuring advice? Q. 20
- Α. Yes. 21
- Did you have any contact with them? Q. 22
- Yes. 23 Α.
- During what time period? Q. 24

- From the time they were engaged. Α. 1
- I see several payments to Zolfo in the 0. 2
- time period August-September-early October. 3
- Yes. Α. 4
- Did they provide any advice with respect ٥. 5
- to the issue of eliminating retiree medical expense? 6
- They might have worked on some cost issues 7
- related to that. They might have done some cash 8
- flow projections. 9
- Who at Zolfo Cooper was responsible for Q . 10
- the Polaroid relationship? 11
- Steve Panogos. Α. 12
- MR. GREENBERG: Why don't we take a three-13
- minute break? We'll finish up by 1:30 if not 14
- before. Just give me five minutes. 15
- (In recess 1:00 p.m. to 1:02 p.m.) 16
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 17
- Am I correct that Polaroid had a separate Ο. 18
- retiree medical plan for retirees who were 55 to 65 19
- and then a different plan for people who were 65 or 20
- over? 21
- I'm not sure of the form, whether it was Α. 22
- one plan or two plans. 23
- And that was really my question. Q. 24

- 1 A. I don't know the answer.
- Q. Because we've only gotten one document,
- which is entitled The Polaroid Retiree Medical Plan
- 4 Effective October 9, 2001. To the best of your
- 5 knowledge as chairman of the plan administration
- 6 committee, is there a separate document for retirees
- 7 that are under 65 and a separate one for those that
- 8 are over 65 or is there just one document?
- 9 A. I don't know the answer.
- 10 Q. What department at Polaroid is in charge
- of the documentation of the retiree plans?
- 12 A. Compensation and benefits.
- 13 Q. But that's the legal department at
- 14 Polaroid?
- 15 A. No, it's the human resources department.
- 16 Q. Is there a lawyer within that department
- or a lawyer within general counsel's office who is
- 18 responsible for assisting that department?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Who is that?
- 21 A. Louise Cavanaugh.
- MR. GREENBERG: The other thing is, let me
- just mark this. It's the Polaroid annual return
- report of employee benefit plan for calendar 2000,

- 1 it's the Form 5500. We'll mark this as the next
- 2 exhibit.
- 3 (Goldman Deposition Exhibit 9 marked for
- 4 identification.)
- 5 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- 6 Q. First of all, do you have any familiarity
- 7 with Exhibit 9, Mr. Goldman?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Exhibit 9 at least references the name of
- the plan, it says Polaroid Hospital Surgical Medical
- 11 Plan and Polaroid Retiree Medical Plan. Do you
- 12 know, are those two separate plans or are they one
- 13 plan?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know, are you familiar with the
- 16 terminology a wrap plan, w-r-a-p?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Do you know if Polaroid maintains or
- 19 maintained a wrap plan?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- Q. With respect to the letter that was sent
- out that your name was stamped on, were you involved
- in establishing the protocol for advising retirees
- of the board's action? You have Exhibit 3 in front

- 1 of you.
- 2 A. I'm sorry. I don't understand the
- 3 question.
- 4 Q. Did you give anyone instructions
- 5 concerning sending Exhibit 3 out to retirees?
- 6 A. No.
- Q. Was that a subject that you have any
- 8 knowledge on, as to how that information was
- 9 disseminated to retirees?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Who made the decision as to how to send
- this information out?
- 13 A. I believe Mary Kelly and Louise Cavanaugh
- 14 did, I believe.
- Q. Did people at Polaroid actually go to the
- 16 mailbox and stuff the envelopes and put these
- 17 letters, Exhibit 3, in the mail to retirees?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. What did Polaroid do?
- 20 A. I'm sorry. I believe we used a third
- 21 party to mail these notices.
- Q. When you say a third party, what was the
- 23 third party you used?
- 24 A. I don't know.

- Q. When were they retained?
 - 2 A. I don't know.
 - Q. Were they retained before October 9?
 - 4 A. I don't know.
 - Q. Who was responsible for delivering these
 - 6 letters to this third party?
 - 7 A. Mary Kelly.
 - 8 Q. And did Ms. Kelly know before the board
 - 9 vote that this subject, the termination, was going
 - 10 to be acted on by the board?
 - 11 A. I don't know.
 - 12 Q. The third-party processor that you used
 - 13 was located in Rhode Island?
 - 14 A. I learned that recently.
 - 15 Q. You didn't know it at the time?
 - 16 A. No.
 - 17 Q. Who selected that processor?
 - 18 A. I don't know.
 - Q. Were you surprised to learn they were
 - 20 located in Rhode Island?
 - 21 A. No.
 - 22 Q. Do you know how the notices got from --
 - 23 Strike that. Who actually prepared the envelopes
 - 24 that would go with these letters?

- 1 A. I don't know.
- Q. Was there a mailing list that was given to
- 3 the provider?
- A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Do you know when the letters went out to
- 6 the retirees?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Have you made any inquiry on that subject?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Has anyone reported to you on that
- 11 subject?
- 12 A. I recall being told that the notices were
- mailed on October 9.
- Q. Who told you that?
- 15 A. I believe I heard that from either Mary
- 16 Kelly or Louise Cavanaugh. I don't recall
- 17 specifically.
- Q. Well, how could it be mailed on October 9
- 19 if the board didn't meet --
- 20 A. Not mailed. Sorry, I take that back.
- Q. What did they tell you as to when these
- 22 notices were mailed to retirees?
- A. My understanding was that these notices
- were mailed on October 9. Now, I didn't inquire

- what "mailed" meant. 1
- Does someone have a record of these 2
- mailings? 3
- I don't know. Α. 4
- Who told you that they were mailed on 5
- October 9? 6
- I believe Louise Cavanaugh did. Α. 7
- So she told you they delivered the 8
- envelopes and the letters to Rhode Island and they 9
- were stuffed in Rhode Island and then taken to the 10
- mailbox all on October 9? 11
- No. Α. 12
- What did she tell you? Q. 13
- I believe she told me they were mailed on Α. 14
- October 9. 15
- Prior to the board meeting, the conclusion Q. 16
- of the board meeting, did Ms. Cavanaugh have the 17
- Exhibit 3? Did she have these form letters signed 18
- by you? 19
- Yes. Α. 20
- You had already signed it? Q. 21
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 22
- question. 23
- MR. GREENBERG: Strike that. 24

- BY MR. GREENBERG: 1
- The letter was in final form. Is that Ο. 2
- right? 3
- I believe it was. Α. 4
- Had it already been delivered to Rhode Q. 5
- Island? 6
- I don't know. Α. 7
- When was your signature affixed to Exhibit Q. 8
- 9 3?
- I don't know. Α. 10
- Was it prior to October 9? Q. 11
- probably. Α. 12
- Do you think that Polaroid did anything Q. 13
- wrong, notifying the retirees that their benefits 14
- were being terminated effective immediately? 15
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 16
- question. 17
- Wrong in what sense? Α. 18
- Anything wrong. As a human being, do you 19 Q.
- think they did anything wrong? 20
- MR. SAUNDERS: Hold on a second. 21
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 22
- Do you think they did anything wrong? Q. 23
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 24

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- Q. Well, you would agree with the statement
- 3 that you didn't look out for the best interests of
- 4 the retirees in your capacity as chairman of the
- 5 plan committee?
- 6 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 7 question.
- 8 A. No, I wouldn't.
- 9 Q. Well, what did you do in August, September
- or October prior to the bankruptcy filing to try to
- 11 protect the interests of the Polaroid retirees?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 13 question.
- 14 A. The responsibilities of the fiduciary were
- 15 to carry out the plan and the fiduciaries carried
- out the plan while the plan was in effect.
- 17 Q. But wouldn't you agree with the statement
- that one of the responsibilities of a fiduciary, if
- the plan is going to be terminated, is to implement
- 20 an orderly termination of the plan in a manner which
- 21 protects the interests of retirees?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 23 question.
- 24 A. No.

- 1 Q. Did you make any inquiry at any point in
- time prior to the bankruptcy filing as to what your
- 3 legal responsibilities were as a plan fiduciary?
- 4 A. Would you repeat the question?
- 5 (The reporter read the question.)
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And with whom did you seek advice?
- 8 MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 9 question.
- 10 A. Gary Ford.
- 11 Q. When was that?
- 12 A. I don't recall specifically.
- Q. What month?
- 14 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 15 Q. What did you ask Mr. Ford?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form.
- 17 Instruction not to answer.
- MR. GREENBERG: On what basis?
- MR. SAUNDERS: You're asking him for legal
- 20 advice he received from Mr. Ford.
- MR. GREENBERG: In his capacity as plan
- fiduciary. You don't represent the plan. I mean,
- 23 if you're going to take that position, I asked him
- 24 specifically in his capacity as plan fiduciary. You

132 guys don't represent the plan. 1 MR. SAUNDERS: Well, I warn you, 2 Mr. Goldman, that there's probably --3 MR. GREENBERG: If you're going to 4 instruct him, I'm just raising this issue if you are 5 going to instruct him. If you believe you have a 6 valid instruction based on privilege, I just raise 7 the issue, which is that the question had to do with 8

9 his role as plan fiduciary. If you believe that 10 that is an attorney-client issue where Mr. Ford is

apparently giving advice to the plan fiduciary, I

12 mean, it's not my call.

MR. SAUNDERS: I agree with you to the

extent that I'm not counsel to the plan. I don't

have the power to instruct the witness not to answer

16 to protect that plan's privilege. But I can

certainly warn the witness of the probable existence

of such a privilege and that he ought to act

carefully in answering questions about it; and that

20 he ought to consider, independent of my instructing

21 him, he ought to consider whether or not he's got an

obligation to refuse to answer questions about legal

advice that he received as the plan administrator.

24 BY MR. GREENBERG:

- Q. Just so we're clear, Mr. Ford is a partner
- 2 of the Groom Law Group?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And that was paid for by Polaroid?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Now, you consulted him in your capacity as
- 7 a plan fiduciary. Is that right?
- 8 A. I'm not clear in responding whether or not
- 9 he was advising the company or he was advising the
- 10 plan administrator. I'm not completely clear in my
- 11 response.
- 12 Q. What advice did you seek from him?
- 13 A. We asked clarification of the role of the
- 14 plan administrators.
- Q. Can you be more specific?
- 16 A. In terms of exercising their fiduciary
- 17 duties.
- 18 Q. You asked advice on that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. So you specifically wanted advice as it
- 21 related to the termination?
- 22 A. No, in general terms.
- Q. Well, I'm focusing on --
- MR. SAUNDERS: You didn't tell him you

- were focusing on anything. If you want to focus him 1
- on it now, please do, but that's not where you were. 2
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 3
- Focusing on the late summer/early fall of Ο. 4
- 2001, did you seek advice on the subject of the plan 5
- fiduciary's obligations as they related to the 6
- potential termination of the retiree plans? 7
- No. Α. 8
- Why didn't you seek advice on that Q. 9
- subject? 10
- Because it's not the role of the plan Α. 11
- administrator to terminate retiree medical plans. 12
- Did someone ever advise you that you had Q. 13
- no fiduciary role in connection with implementing 14
- the termination of these plans? 15
- What? Α. 16
- Bad question. I withdraw the question. Ο. 17
- Bad question. 18
- Did you ever seek advice as to whether or 19
- not you had a fiduciary duty as it related to 20
- implementing the termination of the plan? 21
- The plan administrator did not implement 22
- the termination of the plan. 23
- Did you seek advice concerning whether or 24

- not you should sign Exhibit 3? That's the
- 2 termination letter.
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the
- 4 question.
- 5 A. Whether or not I should sign the letter?
- Q. Yes, whether or not you should sign the
- 7 letter. Did you seek advice, legal advice, on that
- 8 subject?
- 9 A. I didn't seek legal advice -- I did not
- 10 seek legal advice as to whether or not I should put
- 11 my signature to a page.
- 12 Q. Did you seek legal advice in connection
- with your notifying retirees in accordance with
- 14 Exhibit 3?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. From whom did you seek the advice?
- 17 A. Groom & Associates.
- Q. When?
- 19 A. I don't recall specifically.
- Q. What month?
- 21 A. I believe it was October 2001.
- Q. Did they have a copy of the letter?
- 23 A. I believe they do.
- Q. Prior to giving you the advice.

- I believe they saw a draft. Α. 1
- And what did you ask them and what did Q. 2
- they say to you? 3
- MR. SAUNDERS: Instruction not to answer. 4
- BY MR. GREENBERG: 5
- Who paid their legal fees? 0. 6
- Polaroid. Α. 7
- And you were seeking advice in what Q. 8
- In what capacity were you seeking advice capacity? 9
- from them? 10
- On behalf of the company. Α. 11
- On behalf of Polaroid? Ο. 12
- Yes. Α. 13
- Did you ever seek advice from them in Q. 14
- connection with your activities as chairman of the 15
- plan administration committee insofar as it related 16
- to the termination? 17
- No. Α. 18
- Is it correct, based on your 19
- understanding, that if JP Morgan Chase had been 20
- willing to fund the retirement benefits in a chapter 21
- proceeding, that Polaroid would not have terminated 22
- those benefits? 23
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 24

- question. 1
- Would you repeat the guestion? Α. 2
- Yes. Is it your understanding that if JP Q. 3
- Morgan Chase had been willing to fund in a DIP 4
- financing budget the cost to provide the 5
- continuation of Polaroid retiree benefits, that 6
- Polaroid would not have terminated those benefits? 7
- MR. SAUNDERS: Object to the form of the 8
- question. 9
- No. Α. 10
- That isn't your understanding. Q. 11
- discussion with JP Morgan Chase a factor in that 12
- decision, the decision to terminate the benefits? 13
- Discussion about what? Α. 14
- About what amounts of money they were Ο. 15
- prepared to fund. 16
- Yes. Α. 17
- The incentive retention payments, were Q. 18
- those discussed with JP Morgan Chase prior to the 19
- filing? 20
- No. Α. 21
- Were they part of the budget, retention Q. 22
- payments, part of the DIP budget? 23
- I'm sorry, I'm confused. Please start Α. 24

- 1 over.
- Q. There was a DIP budget that was discussed
- 3 between Polaroid and JP Morgan prior to the filing.
- 4 Right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. And it was agreed upon. Right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And that final budget didn't include
- 9 retiree benefits. Right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And your understanding or your assumption
- is that the earlier budget did. Right?
- 13 A. That an earlier budget, yes.
- Q. And that somewhere along the line between
- the earlier budget and the final budget, retiree
- 16 benefits were eliminated?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Objection to the form of
- 18 the question.
- 19 BY MR. GREENBERG:
- Q. Right?
- MR. SAUNDERS: Based on his assumption.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, in the final budget, was there a
- budget item for retention payments to key management

- 1 people?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And was that a negotiated item in the DIP
- 4 budget, as you understand it?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Do you recall what the magnitude of the
- 7 retention payments were as initially proposed in the
- 8 initial DIP budget?
- 9 A. I believe it was \$12 million.
- 10 Q. Roughly about a year's worth of retirement
- benefits. Is that right?
- 12 A. I don't know what the actual dollars are
- 13 for the retiree medical benefits.
- Q. But the bank had agreed to that 12-
- 15 million-dollar item. Right?
- 16 A. That's my understanding.
- 17 Q. Now, how many employees roughly were going
- to get the benefit of that \$12 million?
- 19 A. I don't recall specifically. Seventy-
- 20 five, eighty.
- Q. And how many retirees did Polaroid have as
- of the Chapter 11 filing?
- 23 A. I believe in excess of six thousand.
- MR. GREENBERG: Thank you. I have nothing

1	more.				
2	MR. SAUNDERS: Let's go.				
3	(Deposition concluded at 1:23 p.m.)				
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